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**Workshop ponder park parcel**

Community invited to shape ideas for land MacDonald, San avenues

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Now that the plans for what to do with a piece of land on the city's western border.

The city recently purchased a 1.64-acre parcel bordering Richmond at Pablo and MacDonald avenues with the intention of turning it into a park.

A workshop to generate ideas for how the property should be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 3 at St. John the Baptist Community Center, 6500 Ave.

The workshop will introduce the property for people who are familiar with it and will give a little bit of history, how we got to this point," said Friends of Baxter Creek coordinator Apostak.

The meeting signifies a culmination of more than five years of work by the city and members of the group Friends of Baxter Creek, said Maryann Apostak, the group's co-founder. A portion of Baxter Creek runs through the land.

In 1997, residents who wanted the creek undisturbed fought a battle by the Lucky grocery store to expand onto the property.

Persons bought out Lucky did not pursue the expansion. Friends of Baxter Creek formed as a result of the fight, and members have since worked to prevent development, said.

The group helped acquire \$500,000 in grant money from the National Conservation to go toward the purchase of the land. The El Cerrito City Council put the property in November.

The city and the friends are working to figure out how the parcel should look, and are seeking grants to raise the estimated \$500,000 to transform it. Apostak said it will be difficult to get the money because federal grant budgets have been cut. But she remained optimistic, saying the land could be a future link between the Greenway and the Bay Area Alternative transportation program — in this case, for bicyclists and pedestrians — are at the forefront of the city's efforts to restore the creek and get

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STUDENTS AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL participate in a presidential awards physical fitness test. The school recently won a California Distinguished School Award.

State honors Albany Middle School

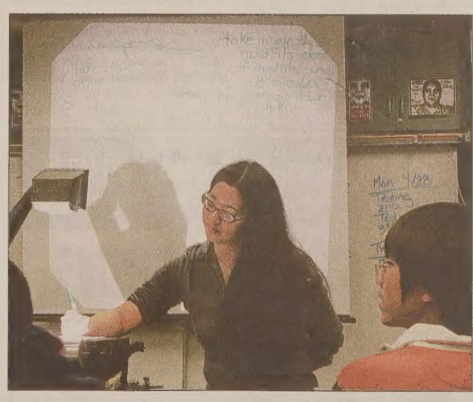
■ 'Distinguished' award is welcome news for a stressed-out district

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A state award given to Albany Middle School has proved to others what parents, teachers and students have known about the school all along: It's very distinguished.

Albany Middle was one of 132 public middle and high schools recently given a California Distinguished School Award.

The award has been given at a time when little good news is coming from the Albany Unified School District. Through the non-profit Albany Foundation School-



SCIENCE TEACHER STELLA WU gives a lecture on frog anatomy.

Indian rock preservation approved

■ El Cerrito Council approves unfunded plan to protect, archeologically examine carving in Canyon Trail Park

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council has approved a plan to protect a boulder etched with ancient American Indian carvings at Canyon Trail Park.

The protective measures include moving playground equipment and a sandlot away from the boulder, and putting up interpretive signs or a kiosk. The council has also permitted an archeological dig there, tentatively scheduled to begin next month.

"I think the times are right for protection of this rock, and the mayor and city council have

Albany puts Patriot Act in hot seat

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Concerned about its effect on local library users, the City Council joined a growing list of cities to pass a resolution supporting the repeal of the Patriot Act.

Passed shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the act was intended to help thwart terrorist activities by giving the government broad powers to collect information on suspected terrorists. Groups such as the ACLU have said the act strips people of their civil liberties and constitutional rights.

The Albany Library Advisory

El Cerrito art show set for this weekend

■ Local creativity will be displayed in multiple media during the two-day exhibition and sale

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — They create in different ways. Many paint, some take pictures, others sculpt. But the members of the El Cerrito Art Association all share the same passion for their art.

That passion will be displayed this weekend at the El Cerrito Art Association's 27th annual art show.

Among more than 200 pieces on display will be work by association member Nina Hazelton. The El Cerrito resident painted until she went to work as an administrative assistant for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Now retired, she has taken up painting again, goes to art classes regularly and sometimes makes trips to the coast to



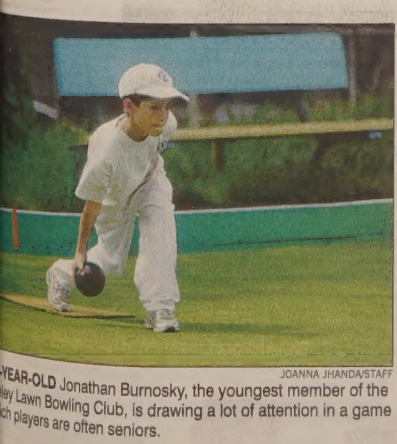
EL CERRITO RESIDENT and artist Nina Hazelton will submit work to an upcoming art show.

paint outdoor scenery.

Hazelton said it's a fun but challenging hobby.

"Sometimes I don't like it — it's work," Hazelton said with a

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YEAR-OLD Jonathan Burnosky, the youngest member of the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club, is drawing a lot of attention in a game. Most players are often seniors.

Lawn bowling isn't just for granddads anymore

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

The sports world is buzzing about teenage phenoms such as 17-year-old basketball star LeBron James and 13-year-old soccer star Freddie Adu.

But lawn bowling, where most players don't reach their peak until after the age of 50, the Next Big Thing is a player who still has four years to go before he's even a teenager.

He is Jonathan Burnosky, the pride of the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club. Even though he's only nine, Jonathan has already won the Oakland Invitational and Winter League tournaments,

beating adult bowlers from 12 other clubs, as well as placing fourth in the novice men's singles.

Veteran bowlers say Jonathan's potential is unlimited. "He has great arm action and follow-through," says 81-year-old Ted Crum. "But what really sets him apart is a maturity far beyond his years. Lawn bowling is all about focus, patience and thinking several moves ahead, like chess. You don't expect to see those qualities in someone so young."

Other clubs in the Bay Area have taken notice, too, and some try to lure Jonathan away from the Berkeley club.

"I've gotten many, many calls from other clubs who want us to play for them," says Jonathan's father, Tom Burnosky, who often plays with his son as a team. "Sometimes, they just want Jonathan and not me."

"It's fun," says Jonathan, who picked up the sport when he was seven. "I like the challenge, and I like having something I can do with my dad."

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is an oasis of tranquility in the heart of the city, located at the corner of Acton Street and Bancroft Avenue. It leases the site from the city, paying a token \$1,200 per year. It also pays for the upkeep, which is much

heftier — \$1,200 only lasts a month.

The club was founded in 1929 by Dr. J.W. Henderson. Henderson's bowls — they're called bowls, not balls, for a reason that will be explained — occupy the place of honor in the clubhouse, right next to a sadly empty case that usually houses the ax that is the trophy of the annual match against the arch-rival Palo Alto Lawn Bowling Club.

"It was a bitter loss, but we'll get it back this year," vows membership chairman Ray Francis.

Lawn bowling is a deceptively simple game. The bowlers start

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Poets come together for library events

Poets and poetry-lovers are invited to come to first Thursdays, second Wednesdays, and second Saturdays at the Albany Library.

First Thursdays include an open mike and featured poet: The May event is Thursday, May 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, and it features poets Catherine French and Lisa Dominguez Abraham, with jazz back-up provided by Mike Pierce (sax) and Clay Bartley (standup bass).

Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for all ages led by Alison Seevak. In May, this event is May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m., also in the Edith Stone Room.

Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Seevak. May's event is May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All three events are free and ongoing. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

## Schools to benefit from weekend sales

Sweet Potatoes and Five Little Monkeys — located side-by-side on Solano Avenue — are pitching in to help save vital school programs with a special sale April 26 and 27.

Located on the 1200 block of Solano, Sweet Potatoes — an outlet store for children's clothing, and Five Little Monkeys — known for unique toys — each will donate 10 percent of all receipts to the Albany Education Foundation and SchoolCARE, two nonprofit groups that support a multitude of programs in Albany.

Five Little Monkeys is at 1230 Solano, and Sweet Potatoes is at 1222 Solano. For information, call 510-528-4411.

## Contra Costa

## Host families sought for fall semester

Pacific Intercultural Exchange, a nonprofit educational organization, needs local host families for foreign high school students for the fall semester.

Students, ages 15 to 18, may stay for a semester or an entire academic year. Host families may make a time commitment to suit their needs.

The English-speaking students come from Europe, South America, Asia and Australia. They will have spending money and carry accident and health insurance.

Host families — single parents, childless or retired couples or families of any size — can claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on itemized federal income tax returns.

For details or to make an interview appointment, call 800-631-1818.

## El Cerrito

## Garden club's show big on 'Local Color'

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold a small standard flower show, titled "Local Color," at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane. The show divisions include: horticulture, design, special exhibits and an educational display.

Following a short business meeting, refreshments, plant sale, and viewing of the exhibits, there will be an oral critique by invited judges as well as sweepstakes awards. The public is invited to attend.

For information call 510-234-0135.

## Kensington

## Summer day camp will begin June 16

The Kensington Community Council's Summer Day Camp, for children entering the first through sixth grades, will run from June 16 through Aug. 22, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each week, campers will have at least one major trip by private bus to interesting locations, including the Jelly Belly Factory, the Bay Area Discovery Museum and the San Francisco Zoo. There will also be hiking, games, arts and crafts, tennis and more.

The camp has a limit of 60 children a week. Children can be enrolled on a weekly basis. The cost is \$165 a week with the cost prorated for the Fourth of July week to \$132. There is also a \$25 deductible deposit.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 510-525-0292 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Cancer fund-raiser needs volunteers

Volunteers from the American Cancer Society are looking for El Cerrito, Kensington, Albany and Berkeley residents to participate in teams for 24 hours from 10 a.m., Saturday, May 17 through 10 a.m., Sunday, May 18, at the El Cerrito High School track as part of the local annual Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society sponsors 24-hour Relays in communities throughout the country to raise money to fight cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Since they began in 1985, the runs have become the American Cancer Society's premier community outreach program. In events all over the nation, the teams raised \$200 million for the organization last year.

This will be the fourth event sponsored in these East Bay communities. Local relay organizer Joann Steck-Bayat said participants hope to broaden involvement this year and outdo the \$35,000 raised last year.

For information call Steck-Bayat at 510-524-9464 or visit online at the American Cancer Society Web site, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## EL CERRITO POLICE

## Wednesday, April 9

■ **THEFT** — Four juveniles were arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Target around 7 p.m.

## Thursday, April 10

■ **ASSAULT** — A 39-year-old woman and her 20-year-old daughter were arrested on suspicion of assault and robbery at a Pizza Hut at 9:55 p.m. The women attempted to take a pizza by force after being dissatisfied with their service. They then assaulted an employee who refused to let the pizza go.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A tan 1987 Honda Civic was stolen from the 1400 block of Navellier Street between 7 p.m. on April 10 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue Honda Civic was taken from the 700 block of Hancock Way between April 11 and April 13. The vehicle was later found in Kensington.

## Friday, April 11

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A white 1990 Mercury Sable was stolen from Central Avenue and Liberty Street around 2 p.m.

## Saturday, April 12

■ **WARRANT ARREST** — A man was arrested on suspicion of having stolen a Honda Accord from San Pablo in November. Police spotted the vehicle at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Freeway Motel and arrested a 24-year-old San Pablo man after he entered the vehicle.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — A stolen 1993 Honda Civic was recovered by a police officer on the 6500 block of Barrett Avenue. The vehicle had been stolen from Richmond on March 28.

■ **WARRANT/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** — A man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for being in possession of methamphetamine at 11:30 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza. Police saw the man exit a dumpster area along the east side of the plaza.

■ **ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT** — An attempt was made to steal a vehicle on the 900 block of Liberty Street between 6 p.m. on April 12 and 11 a.m. the next day.

■ **THEFT** — A 44-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting \$225 worth of merchandise at Target at 6:45 p.m.

■ **ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT** — An attempt was made to steal a locked 1988 Toyota Camry on the 5200 block of Ernest Avenue between 4 a.m. on

April 12 and 5:30 p.m. on April 14. ■ **ROBBERY** — Two men, one armed with a gun, robbed a pizza delivery driver on the 2300 block of Mono Avenue. The driver attempted to deliver a pizza to a home that did not order one. The resident called Richmond police after seeing the two robbers approach the driver.

## Sunday, April 13

■ **THEFT** — A 38-year-old San Pablo man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a lawnmower from a garage near Lincoln Avenue and Kearney Street shortly after 2:10 p.m. It was reported to police that the man had been looking through garages and backyards in the area. Police spotted the man pushing the stolen lawnmower on Kearney Street.

■ **BREAKING AND ENTERING** — The lock of a garage on the 6700 block of Portola Avenue was pried open between midnight and 7 a.m. but nothing was taken.

## Monday, April 14

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry worth more than \$3,000 and a video game system were taken from the 100 block of Colusa Avenue between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

A sliding-glass door was broken into the home on the 400 block of ... was smashed between ... April 16. There was no sign of ...

## Tuesday, April 15

■ **VANDALISM** — The vehicle of 1991 Toyota Corolla on the block of Carlson Boulevard was smashed between noon and 1:00 p.m. There was no loss.

## Wednesday, April 16

■ **ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT** — An unsuccessful attempt was made to start a 1979 Datsun 280Z front of Bed, Bath and Beyond between 1:30 and 4:05 p.m. was forced but the vehicle was not started.

## Thursday, April 17

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue 1991 Toyota Camry was stolen from the block of Stockton Avenue and 6 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A black 1991 Accord was stolen from the block of San Pablo Avenue between 5:15 and 9 p.m.

## ALBANY POLICE

## April 16

■ **STOLEN PROPERTY** — At about 3:30 a.m. Albany officers stopped a white 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass near Solano Avenue and Jackson Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 29-year-old Richmond man, for possession of stolen property, passing bad checks and driving without a license and on drug charges. He was cited and released on bail.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — San Pablo police located a blue 1981 Toyota that had been stolen from Albany. It was not damaged, and no arrest was made in the case. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves smashed the passenger window of a gray 2001 Saturn parked in a garage on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue and stole items inside. The car was broken into again April 21. There were no witnesses to either incident. Police suspect a transient man who has been seen sleeping in the garage area performed both burglaries. Officers are investigating.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — At about 10 p.m. Albany officers located a blue 1987 Ford Mustang on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue that had been reported stolen from Oakland. They also saw a white Chevrolet El Camino that had been parked behind the vehicle depart as police pulled up. The blue Mustang was in pieces and missing its engine, transmission and license plates. It was towed. At about 1:30 a.m. on April 17 police located the white El Camino near Marin and Santa Fe Avenues. They investigated and arrested the driver, a 26-year-old Hayward man, on charges of car theft and parole violation. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

## April 17

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — Albany officers located a green 1994 Saturn on

the 1000 block of Ordway Street that had been reported as stolen. The owner came and took the vehicle. Officers did not make an arrest in the case.

## April 18

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Upon investigating a red 1991 Saturn that had been parked on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue for several days partially blocking a driveway, officers found the vehicle had been stolen from Albany on April 14. The owner was notified.

■ **ILLEGAL CAMPING** — Albany officers contacted a 45-year-old transient woman who had set up a camp at 535 Pierce Street. She had been cited 11 times for the same offense and continued to move back. She was not released this time, due to the likelihood she would continue to camp on the property. She was arrested, cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** — Albany officers arrested a 34-year-old Oakland man for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drugs, parole violations and trespassing on the 400 block of Buchanan Street. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

## April 19

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night vandals punctured several holes in the convertible top of a red 1995 Ford Mustang while it was parked on the 600 block of Adams Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **WARRANT ARREST** — Albany officers arrested a 47-year-old woman who was sleeping in an alley on the north side of the Sateway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue after they found she had an outstanding Berkeley warrant in the amount of \$1,000 for causing a disturbance. She was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

## CORRECTIONS

A story about Target wanting to open a store in Albany in the April 18 Journal should have said the store has been proposed for the northern border of Codornices Creek.

A story about the Albany Waterfront in the April 11 Journal misquoted Robert Cheasty, president of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park. The quote

been reported stolen, made.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A night thieves broke into a Buick Regal on the 700 block of Sonoma Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident of 900 block of Jackson Street that between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. her home was burglarized. There were no witnesses.

## Summary

During the week of April 14, officers towed five cars, received 17 false alarms, attended to deceased animals, made one report of a barking dog, assisted three people who lived out of their homes or cars, domestic arena, officers received four stand-bys, 10 civil complaints and 98 civil assists. Officers 71 vehicles or persons registrations and 32 warnings, fighter-paramedics responded to fire call and six medical calls.

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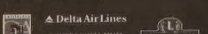
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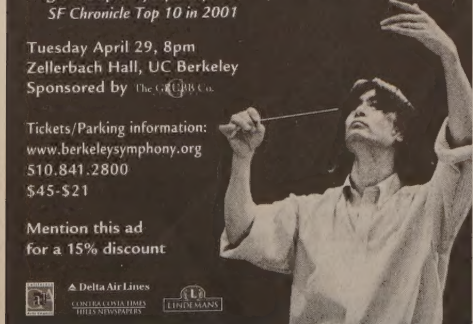
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## THE JOURNAL

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— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Be savvy about phony telephone solicitors

**Y**OUR HOME PHONE rings, and when you answer it, there's a personable guy, someone you think maybe is a friend whose voice you don't recognize. He's saying your first name, saying something like, "Hi, John (or Jane), are you there?"

You hunt around in your brain, thinking you should know who this guy is, but you come up short. Then he identifies himself, and you realize you don't know anyone by that name, and that this guy who knows who you are is calling for the police and sheriffs association and he's looking for a handout.

And he says, John, do you think our law enforcement agencies are important?

Then, if you're smart, you'll hang up. Think about the little clues that add up to a scam.

1. The caller pulls you in by addressing you as though you're friends, or, at least first-name acquaintances (Yes, even if your phone number is unlisted).

2. He asks a leading question to which most people are going to answer "yes." And what happens after you commit to supporting something? You're asked to put your money where your mouth is.

As long as the money is that close to your mouth, you may as well eat it because that's what will happen in the long run, anyway. You find that out when you later call the police department, the sheriff's association and any other law enforcement agencies, and they tell you they have no telephone campaign going. In fact, the California State Sheriffs Association has never conducted telephone fund-raisers.

So before you fall for the policeman's ball gimmick, think on your feet. Don't get suckered in by a panhandling phone call from that "nice-sounding man (or woman)."

The element of suspicion should grow stronger in the fall, when telemarketing calls should take a dive for those who choose not to receive them.

Beginning in July, consumers will be able to put their telephone numbers on a national registry, which telemarketers will be required to access. As of October, it will be illegal for most telemarketers to call a number listed on the registry.

When the Federal Trade Commission begins registration for the program, consumers can register free online or by telephone. The FTC will announce the phone number in June. Online registration will begin in July. Initial sign-up by phone for the registry will be phased in, by region, over eight weeks.

In September, telemarketers will be required to compare their call lists against the names on the registry at least once every 90 days.

In October enforcement will begin and violators could pay fines of up to \$11,000 per violation. It could take about three months before consumers notice a decrease in telemarketing calls.

Go to [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or call 877-382-4357, TTY: 866-653-4261 for details.

Of course, this won't have any effect on telephone scammers, since they won't be inclined to show their calling lists to the FTC. That should send a bright red flag this fall for those who sign up for the program. If you get a call then, chances will be higher than ever that it's not a legitimate organization.

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## CITIES PASSING RESOLUTIONS ON NATIONAL ISSUES?

DEAR, DO YOU THINK THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD BE PAINTED WHITE, EGGSHELL OR DESERT SAND?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Good in the long-run

Praise the oil companies.

Articles nationwide state that oil prices continue to fall. However, for us in California, prices will continue to hover 50 cents above the national average.

The reason is that California has rejected the use of the highly toxic, non-biodegradable chemical MTBE that permeated the water supply due to leaking underground gasoline tanks. So the oil companies must refit their California refineries to operate without MTBE and they have passed the costs on to us.

Fear not, people. You do a good thing for your progeny. About 100 years or less from now, the world will have moved on to renewable energy supplies, due to the fact that fossil fuels will be toast after 21st century auto and power consumption.

Then the descendants of the oil companies will make a fortune from government contracts to clean up MTBE in the other 51 states (I'm including Puerto Rico and Iraq).

Californians will be complaining they have to foot the tax bill to clean up the MTBE in the other states, but they will apparently be the only ones drinking clean water.

Ross Tobia  
El Cerrito

## Supports council decision

I strongly support the El Cerrito City Council's criticism of the Patriot Act, which I believe to be unpatriotic because it undermines core freedoms. Ironically, the act's name implies that to disagree with it is unpatriotic.

This is the kind of thinking and the kind of government action that the Bill of Rights was designed to prevent. We as a nation pride ourselves on our freedoms, but if criticism of the government is suspect, what is the freedom we are talking about?

Several months ago, I read that two women had been prevented from boarding an airplane going from one U.S. city to another because they were on a "no fly" list issued by the government. The "no fly" list was supposedly legalized by the Patriot Act.

The women, it seems, were deeply in-

involved in opposing a U.S. attack on Iraq. (This was before that attack took place.) As a U.S. citizen, I was shocked to hear the government had such a list and that the list can be justified by the Patriot Act.

I deplore the lessening of safeguards with respect to government wire-tapping and allowing the government to detain people without charge for up to a week. I deplore replacing the Immigration and Naturalization Service with a Homeland Security Office, which implies (incorrectly, I believe) that naturalization is a potential threat to our national security.

I am delighted to have my City Council take the stand that it has.

Eve A. Ma  
El Cerrito

## Hoodlums

Is anyone else as disgusted as I am by the actions of those groups protesting the Iraqi war, claiming all they want is peace?

Nobody wants war, but when all other solutions are exhausted, it may be the only answer. These protesters, in the name of peace, break the law and ignore reality. They seem to be too stupid to accept the reality that we are already at war and their actions will do nothing to stop it. All they are doing is discouraging our soldiers.

They claim they are exercising their "constitutional right of free speech." Free speech in a democracy does not give them the privilege of breaking the law and disobeying orders of legally constituted police.

It does not give them the right to form human chains in the middle of streets,

blocking traffic and keeping hungry people from proceeding to their homes. It does not give them the right to block entrances and to shut down businesses, attempt to shut down the Port of Oakland.

It does not give them the right to tell the city of San Francisco to spend millions of taxpayers' dollars trying to control the crowds, nor the right to disperse when ordered to do so by police. And it certainly does not give them the right to throw rocks, bottles and injurious objects at the police.

These are not demonstrations of peace, they are acts of hoodlumism. They should not be tolerated in a civilized society. They are breaking the law and should be arrested and heavily fined.

Yet, it is now announced that the land, two fuzzy-minded council members want to investigate not the hoodlums, the police. I suggest the next time they need legal assistance, do call those police, call one of the hoodlums.

Morris C.

## Are we safer yet?

President Bush promised the American people that going to war would make us safer from weapons of mass destruction. The public has supported the war based on that promise.

But, predictably, the war has not made the Islamic world, moderate Muslims, or the United States safer. Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations are having an easy time recruiting suicide bombers these days.

The international coalitions that formed after Sept. 11 to fight terrorism have fallen apart. The United Nations stands alone, an international police force.

But I fear the reaction of our government. Following the next terrorist attack, the Bush administration will likely impose further restrictions on civil liberties and will promise us, again, that the war is necessary to keep us safe.

And I fear that once again the American public will desperately seek in Bush's manipulative promises.

Eric B.

## NO EXIT

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## Cities

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## School board members

**West Contra Costa Unified School District:** 510-620-2246

Karen Leong Fenton, school board president: 510-236-8460

**Albany Unified School District:** 510-558-3766

## By Rosemary Loubal

The Journal on April 11 strongly endorsed the city's plan to build a new city hall. I disagree with that endorsement.

At the Council meeting April 7, staff and council moved on this, saying the city needs "the prestige." The problem is that there is not enough money to build it: The state budget deficit is now \$36 billion and rising; that is more than \$1,000 per person in the state.

The law forbids using redevelopment money for administrative buildings, and the voters might not pass a bond issue.

The council allocated \$50,000 for a survey supposedly to find out what citizens want!

One wonders, since city officials have decided to do this, why

## VIEWPOINTS

go through the expensive charade of sampling voters?

What is wrong here?

El Cerrito has neglected its infrastructure for over 15 years; our streets, our lighting, our parks, our library are in bad shape.

The city hall trailers are in poor repair, because, as City Manager Scott Hanin said, "After 16 years of little or no maintenance, the coaches have outlived their useful life."

To raise money for staff and council's favored project, Hanin proposes taking general funds allocated for specific projects: creek and park repair, street repair, etc. and using this as starter money for a new city hall.

He said the missing money would be replaced by redevelopment funds. But this is risky, since the state is going to be taking money from every city and redevelopment money is where they will go first.

"The Committee of the Whole" spent two years reviewing city finances. The Council adopted their findings, and is now ignoring them.

For example, the Council promised a thorough re-evaluation of redevelopment before it was taken from hiatus.

They broke their word! How can we now trust them to take care of essentials?

What we really need is an honest appraisal and prioritization of our needs: retrofitting the public safety building, repairing the streets before they are beyond repair, start-

ing to rejuvenate the all the trees are diseased, the creeks, starting promised library.

These cannot wait.

Personally, I want to have an entire "city" all the buildings we have. But, using the War II slogan — "mend" — we should trailers, adding a new storage.

Since each year maintenance greatly cost, we should first infrastructure, and start the civic center planning for the economy.

**Editor's note:** Rosemary Loubal is a member of the El Cerrito Park and Recreation Commission.



# POINT

## claim our oreline

Robert C. Cheasty  
Development Corp.  
posed a waterfront  
ent in Albany that runs  
to everything the com-  
has worked for.  
has just established the  
State Park along our  
after 20 years of dedi-  
cation.

brand-new state park  
from the Bay Bridge to  
Isabel in Richmond (8  
and it took ballot mea-  
negotiations and dedica-  
turn back the develop-  
proposals and create it. Out  
the landfill we now have  
waterfront treasure for our  
city.

Magna Development Plan  
ing, conference center,  
and gambling facilities  
and parking) is propo-  
for the middle of the park.  
practically split the park

we bought the Golden  
Fields Racetrack a few  
knowing fully that it  
was a horse-racing track for  
years. Magna now proposes  
massive development to  
transform racetrack. This de-  
velopment is not allowed under  
current waterfront zoning, so  
wants the city of Albany  
to change the zoning.

city does not have the  
power to change the waterfront  
without voter approval.  
has a shoreline protec-  
tion that gives the vot-  
ers a say in any changes  
to the waterfront.  
gives us our chance to reclaim  
our waterfront. After all the years  
and yearning, we have  
come to get it right. Not  
communities get that

Magna proposal is the  
direction. As long as the  
direction, there should be no  
development at the site.  
ing the track to start de-  
velopment, especially on top of  
Point (the last remain-  
ing of the original shoreline  
of the Bay) would cut  
the track in two and permanently  
leave it with a continuous park  
area.

people believe that the  
city is leaving (the track of  
Isabel) and that this  
development is the first  
longer-range plan to put  
development on the site.  
and the track leave, we can  
replace revenue for the  
city with a modest develop-  
ment, not this Magna pro-  
posal. Albany received  
\$10 million from the track (the city's  
betting revenues).

the Eastshore  
park and the Sierra Club  
well-respected planner/de-  
veloper a plan that would  
be a park and park-friendly.  
CESP/Sierra Club Plan  
produce revenues of about  
\$10 million per year. The CESP  
demonstrates that we can ad-  
dress a revenue issue for Albany  
without claiming our waterfront.

Chasty is president of  
the Eastshore State  
Park and co-chair of Citizens  
for Albany Shoreline.

# Libraries have books for whatever ails you

**Quote of the week:**  
"A little health now and then  
is the ailing person's best remedy."

— Friedrich Nietzsche,  
1844-1900

**R**ECENTLY A LIBRARY  
patron asked me about  
our collection of medical  
books. She was preparing for  
medical school final exams and  
wanted to know whether we  
had reference books that would  
help her. As I was showing her  
what we have, I started think-  
ing about the medical collec-  
tions at libraries and how fre-  
quently they are used.

Libraries are a great re-  
source for medical information  
— you just have to know how  
to find what you're looking for.  
Some of the subject searches  
for health include: health,  
health dictionaries, nutrition,  
exercise, vitamins, stress and  
popular medicine. You can also  
look up a particular disease by



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

subject — diabetes, cancer,  
stroke.

For drug side effects, the  
best known book is the "PDR"  
— the Physician's Desk Refer-  
ence. The current edition of  
this huge book is kept in the  
reference section. It is full of  
photographs and detailed infor-  
mation on the structure, use,  
side effects and forms of pre-  
scribed drugs and definitely  
has the most extensive infor-  
mation.

But there are also simpler  
resources, with briefer descrip-  
tions — and these are a great  
place to start. They include  
"Prescription Drugs and their

Side Effects" and "The Com-  
plete Drug Reference."

All of these books can be  
found in the 615-616s. What if  
you are interested in alterna-  
tive medicine? There is the  
"PDR for Herbal Medicines,"  
"Alternative Medicine" and  
"The Encyclopedia of Natural  
Medicine," and many others.

And then there is my fa-  
vorite book, "Current Medical  
Diagnosis and Treatment." This  
book is updated every  
year and is a wonderful re-  
source for looking up symp-  
toms, syndromes and diseases.  
It is the kind of book that re-  
quires a medical dictionary at  
your side, though (and yes, li-  
braries have these), so there  
are also choices like the "Mayo  
Clinic Family Health Book,"  
which is much easier to under-  
stand.

What about online?  
Alameda County, Contra Costa  
County and Richmond all have  
resources you can access from

home or in the library. Some of  
these are databases paid for by  
the library, which means you  
need to have a current library  
card when logging in.

Others are links from the  
library home page — basi-  
cally, recommendations for In-  
ternet health resources. On  
the Alameda County site, this  
kind of health information can  
be found using "Articles &  
Databases," "Ready Refer-  
ence" and "Search the Web."  
These will lead to articles, dic-  
tionaries, drug information —  
both natural medicine and tra-  
ditional.

Richmond Public has a link  
on the main page called "Refer-  
ence Links." Clicking on this  
will take you to health, which  
then leads to an in-depth list of  
resources, including "Quack-  
watch," information on medical  
organizations, mental health  
organizations and "Ask Dr.  
Weil."

If you choose Databases on

the Contra Costa Library main  
page, you will find "Infotrac,"  
which includes the Health and  
Wellness Resource Center.

And, finally, you can ask on-  
line questions of Health Sci-  
ence Librarians through the Q  
& A Café on both the Alameda  
and Contra Costa County sites.  
Ask at your local library how  
to access this great service.

**READER REVIEW:** Today's  
book review is from Harry and  
the book is Neil Gaiman's  
"Coraline." This horror/drama  
book is for ages 10 and up and  
is about "a girl whose empty  
flat in their house is occupied  
by a strange world sort of like  
her own." One word Harry  
would use to describe the book  
is "excellent" and he recom-  
mends it because "it is descrip-  
tive and scary."

Julie Winkelstein's column runs  
every Friday. Reach her at the  
Albany Library or at [jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org).

## ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

### Albany PTA/Superintendent's Council

April 27, Albany Education Founda-  
tion's 8th Scoops for Schools, 1-4  
p.m., Albany Community Center,  
AHS Jazz Band to perform, Free ad-  
mission and ice cream  
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Albany Music Fund benefit concert  
headlined by The David Grisman  
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### Albany High School

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daily bulletin and important an-  
nouncements by e-mail. Contact  
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### Albany Middle School

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daily bulletin and important an-  
nouncements by e-mail. Contact  
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[nannnelson@aol.com](mailto:nannnelson@aol.com)  
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brary AMS Play Tickets for sale in  
office, \$10, Fridays May 2 & 9 (Sat-  
urdays May 3 & 10 almost gone)  
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### Cornell Elementary School

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portant announcements by e-mail. Con-  
tact Barbara Grady-Ayer at  
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Scrip Orders: Call Mark Piven 510-  
528-2082 or e-mail: [privest@pac-bell.net](mailto:privest@pac-bell.net)

### Marin Elementary School

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portant announcements by e-mail. Con-

tact Tree Stuber at  
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### AUSD Board of Education

May 13, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,  
Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

### AUSD Calendar

May 26, Memorial Day, No School

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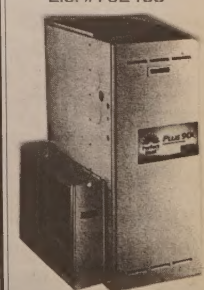
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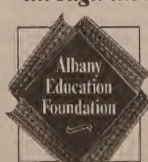


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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1969 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611; e-mail to [afields@cctimes.com](mailto:afields@cctimes.com) or fax to 510-339-0066.

## Children

**The Berkeley Art Center** continues its 11th annual Youth Arts Festival through May 11. The festival includes an art exhibition by K-8th-grade students. Special performances of poetry, readings, dance, music recitals and drama. There are workshops for all ages in drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets and in making musical instruments.

—Young People's Chamber Orchestra perform at 4 p.m. April 26;

—The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts perform at 3 p.m. April 27;

—John Oliver Simon and students from Cragmont, Hawthorne and Rosa Parks Elementary schools read their poetry in English and Spanish, 6 p.m. April 30.

—Workshops cost: \$5-10 sliding scale. Full scholarships are available upon request. All other events are free.

All events are held at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. For more information and workshop schedules, call 510-540-0343.

**Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet—mouse clicks, e-mail, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

**Children's Social Skills** and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 526-6202.

**Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

**Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

**Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

**El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. Details: Judie, 215-4371.

**LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent** groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent child care. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at [familyprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:familyprogram@yahoo.com) or 415-789-5560.

**The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821.

## Classes

**The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

**University of California Botanical Garden** holds a free Sick Plant Clinic on the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC Plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails your plant. UC Botanical Garden is at 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. For information, call 510-643-2755.

**Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

**Julia Morgan Center** for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. Details: 845-8542 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of voca-



**THE CROWDEN MUSIC CENTER**, 1475 Rose St. Berkeley, announces its fourth annual Community Music Day noon-5 p.m. Saturday, April 26. This free event is an afternoon of musical performance and hands-on music activities for families and children of all ages. Call 510-559-2941 or visit [www.thecrowdenschool.org](http://www.thecrowdenschool.org) for more information.

tional classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

**The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2839 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

**A free CopWatch** class takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

**Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranjai Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

**Life Stories/College** and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-8830.

**Dance and Fitness** classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing** and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate;

four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Community

**The Crowden Music Center**, 1475 Rose St. Berkeley, announces its fourth annual Community Music Day noon-5 p.m. Saturday, April 26. This free event is an afternoon of musical performance and hands-on music activities for families and children of all ages. Continuous concerts feature chamber music performed by young Crowden musicians and special appearances by local artists. The instrument Petting Zoo features pint-size violins, violas, cellos, drums, a double bass, a piano and even a digerido. Other activities include face painting, treasure hunts, and theater games for all ages. Call 510-559-2941 or visit [www.thecrowdenschool.org](http://www.thecrowdenschool.org) for more information.

**The People's Park's** 34th anniversary **Peace Party and Concert** takes place from 12 p.m. through 6 p.m. Sunday April 27, half a block above Telegraph Avenue, between Bowditch and Haste streets, south side of the UC Berkeley campus. Host: Wavy Gray. Speakers include Barbara Lee, representative; David Hilliard, Black Panther Party; Ed Rosenthal, marijuana activist; and Michael Delacour, activist and speakers from many community organizations. Live performances include Dan Dyken, The F.U.G.I.T.I.V.E.S., Big Brutus Soul, David Rovics, Carol Denney, The X-Plicit Players, Fat Chance Belly Dance, and Country Joe Poets: Julia Vinograd, Anima, Kirk Lumpkin. Other activities include Skate Park by 510 Skateboarding, Food Not Bombs will serve food to everyone and Roots Of Peace will plant a community flower garden. For more information, call 510-330-0830 or e-mail: [Charles@well.com](mailto:Charles@well.com).

**Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer

training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail [bnc@netvalue.net](mailto:bnc@netvalue.net).

**Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

**TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

**Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nanette Lipson, 844-8292.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

**SMART project**, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, gardening and cooking classes at Berkeley's King Middle School, 1900 14th St., open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 558-1336.

**English-in-Action** helps friends from around the world as a conversation partner for UC scholar/student for one hour, at Berkeley, Call 848-6370.

**Women's Daytime** at Berkeley; serving women homeless or at risk of homelessness, needs volunteers. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Saturday. Volunteers needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 468-4684.

## Exhibitions

**ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Broadway, presents the exhibit "In the Glass Exhibition, today," reception: 6-8 p.m. today. Information, call 510-843-acciat@aol.com.

**Artist Judy Stone** exhibition of her enameled glass work at the Cerro Library exhibit space the month of April. Stone enameled since 1968. Her work in fine art galleries in the US and Europe. Her work shown as part of the "Local Artists" at the Library. The library is located at 4th Ave., in El Cerrito. For more call 510-526-7512.

**A New Leaf Gallery**, 181 St., presents the exhibition through June 1. Artists: Pascal Beran, Zachary Corman, Phil Evans, Jeffrey Molo Ohtake, Mark Ohtake and Mark White. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Friday, 10 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7621 or e-mail: [slade@www.sculpturecenter.org](mailto:slade@www.sculpturecenter.org).

**UC Berkeley's Graduate Journalism**, Center for Journalism, presents an exhibit by photographer Maya Godek, "The Godek, recipient of the W. Smith Fund Award, is a Magnum Photos. She specializes in photography of prostitutes and prostitution." "speak about women, migration, the body and the childhood and old age, and unloving." A reception and lecture takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. in room 105. Details: 848-6370.

**The Richmond Museum** continues exhibits highlighting the city's agricultural, industrial achievements, and contributions during World War II. Exhibits and events are held this year. The museum is at historic 1910 Carnegie Library, 1000 Downtown area at Franklin and Main Ave. Call 235-5555 for information or to arrange a tour.

**El Cerrito** presents ongoing classes on Monday evenings with play as the necessary. Opportunities are provided for students to do play work. Demonstrations will be provided on admission: \$7.50 residents, \$10 students. The location: Tassara Center, 2575 Tassara Blvd. For more details call Julie at 526-7512.

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■ **Duckaan Distones**, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

## Outdoors

■ **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

■ **Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds**: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

## Support

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter** holds its next monthly Family Support Group from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Claremont Branch Berkeley Library at the southwest corner of Ashby and Benvenue, one block west of College Avenue. Support meetings are free and offer family members a chance to talk with others who have a mentally ill relative. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

■ **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter** sponsors a support group to provide information and support to families of children and adolescents with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 18, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany. Support meetings are free and offer parent and other family members a chance to talk with others in order to share information and

get emotional support. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

■ **Women's Cancer Resource Center** offers Support Groups throughout the Bay area. If you are interested in attending a group, call the Helpline at 510-420-7900 during the Center's open hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12 to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays.

■ **Bereavement Support Group** meets Thursdays, 3:40-5 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services in Walnut Creek. Topics include dealing with loneliness, isolation, anger and other unexpected emotions; changing family dynamics; and re-establishing connections with your community. Receive support in a warm, Jewish context. No charge (donations accepted). Pre-registration required. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 925-927-2000 ext. 740. This group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Memorial Chapel and Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay.

■ **Fibromyalgia Support Group**, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, holds a rap session from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Feb. 18, at Alta Bates Medical Center-Herrick Campus at 2001 Dwight Way in Berkeley. Sufferers of Fibromyalgia and related conditions, their families and friends are encouraged to attend. For more details call Deborah at 510-644-3273 or for directions only call Barbara Ridley at 510-204-4503.

■ **The Sacred Voice**, a cancer support group, led by Shira Stone MFT, uses the tones in the voice to induce states that are beyond words. Participants join voices with others to bring harmony and balance the body, quietness to the mind, integration of feelings, and an experience of connection to the Source of all healing. This free group meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 2951 Derby, Redwood Gardens, in Berkeley. Pre-register with Shira at 510-843-1677.

■ **Arthritis Foundation**, Northern California Chapter Fibromyalgia Support Group meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffly Auditorium-Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. The next meeting is Nov. 19. Topic: "How to Improve Your Daily Functions," conducted by Alta Bates Staff. There is no meeting in December. For more information, call Deborah Rich at 510-644-3273. For Directions only, call Barbara Ridley 510-204-4503.

■ **Grandparent Support Group** meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at the Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley. Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. For information, call Lani Segal, MX Healthy Start Coordinator, 510-644-6517.

■ **Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor**. Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is located at 1395 Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Call 510-357-0205 ext. 110 for more information.

■ **The number of recent tragedies** both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour cri-

sis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

■ **A free Yoga for Cancer** class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

■ **Restorative Yoga** class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

■ **Adult Survivors of Incest**, a local support group in the East Bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Attica Pece at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

■ **The pain and grief** associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming - especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

■ **"The Grief Care Community"** offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 510-0830 for additional information.

■ **The local self-help group** for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center**, offers a Gift Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center**, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

■ **The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center** Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

■ **The Lupus Foundation of Northern**

California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call 408-954-8600 or visit [www.balf.org](http://www.balf.org).

■ **The City of Berkeley Portable Meals** program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

■ **The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

## Theater, dance, film

■ **A free screening of "Let's Face It,"** a 26-minute documentary, where women explore their aging faces, takes place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday April 19, at Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Albany. For more information, call 510-526-3720.

■ **Stagebridge** presents the premiere of "Senior Moments," by Australian playwright James Keller, at 2 p.m. April 23, 24 and 28, at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley. The play involves a classics professor reluctantly teaching senior citizens in this new comedy. The professor receives a lesson in humility and community. Tickets: By donation. Make reservations by calling 510-444-4755 or visit [www.stage-bridge.org](http://www.stage-bridge.org).

■ **Shotgun Players**, presents the play "The Vampires," by award-winning playwright Harry Kondoleon, through May 10. Kondoleon takes a sardonic and scathing look at relationships between spouses, siblings, children and society at large. Kondoleon wrote the play in 1964, one year after he received the Obie Award for Most Promising Young Playwright. He died at the age of 39, leaving a legacy of 17 plays rife with savage humor and twisted relationships. Tickets: \$18 adults, \$12 children, seniors and Theater Bay Area members; \$10 Thursdays; \$20 opening night. Pay-what-you-can previews April 10 and 11. Call 510-704-8210 for reservations or check [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org).

■ **Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the 'Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8

p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

## Volunteers

■ **Volunteer with the Women's Cancer Resource Center**. Help support women with cancer, their families and friends by volunteering with one of the Center's many programs. Call Emily at 510-601-4040 ext. 109 or e-mail [emily@wrcr.org](mailto:emily@wrcr.org) for more information.

■ **The Sierra Club Bay Chapter** in Berkeley is in need of gracious, service-oriented volunteers to direct calls, greet guests, respond to inquiries, and provide general office support. Regular four-hour shifts are available weekdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Training and on-going support are cheerfully provided; ideal for retirees. Additional volunteer opportunities are also available. Call 510-848-0800 ext. 315 for more information.

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■ **Hospice Patient Care Volunteer** - Peninsula hospice provides support services to the dying and their families and caregivers. The hospice provides services such as physician and nursing care, bereavement counseling, physical and occupational therapy, nutritional counseling, and social work. Volunteers are needed for the thrift shop, office, and especially for patient respite care.

■ **Bulk Mailing Stuff**, sort, and seal envelopes for this East Bay project that supports Tibetan people in their on-going effort to resort and transmit their religious and cultural heritage. This all-volunteer organization prints and distributes texts and art, as well as provides direct aid to monks, nuns, monastic, and educational centers. For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Volunteer Center of Alameda County, call 925-462-3570.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit community organization, seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of space, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information.

■ **Volunteers are needed** to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fund-raise to distribute these treasure to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

■ **Crisis Support Services** in Alameda County needs volunteers to provide 24-hour crisis line support between hope and despair. No prior experience necessary. Excellent training provided. Something to help your community. 1515 for more information.

■ **Tibetan Aid Project** needs volunteers to help preserve the Tibetan language and culture. Assemble and create Tibetan books. Texts for prayer wheels. Raise to distribute to Tibetans in exile. For more information, call 800-338-4238.

■ **Alta Bates Summer Survey** 2001 Dwight Way, seeks its Tele-Care program volunteers. Friendly, caring, and daily basis to seniors, and others who are homebound. Volunteers pick the days they call and use phone. For more information, call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.

■ **Pediatric Care** support groups for families, illness, grief or loss. Groups meet weekly. Land and Walnut Creek. Call 7551 for more information.

■ **The Alcohol Recovery** is conducting a study on the National Alcohol Abuse and the goal of the study is to reduce the cost and effectiveness of substance abuse day treatment model day treatment. The SMART Project. For more information, call 1-888-249-8000.

■ **The Crisis Support Services** in Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis support. The agency needs more people to serve its 24-hour crisis line. No prior experience necessary. Training provided. Call for more information.

■ **Volunteers are needed** Alameda County County to staff emergency hotline. The Hunger Hotline. Monday and Tuesday, a.m. - 12 p.m. Call Mary Schoen at 839-4343 for more information and a current newsletter.

■ **Contra Costa County Probation** are continuing to seek dependable volunteers who want to spend time in probation. Training will be provided. Interested, call Probation Department at 438-9283 or e-mail [kmathews@ccprob.org](mailto:kmathews@ccprob.org).

■ **Albany Recreation Services Department** is seeking fitness instructors of exercise and training to help, running, yoga, dance, adult, and if you have experience, contact Recreation Supervisor Medlock at 524-9283 or Albany Community Center, 1000 Broadway for an instruction.



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## Sure sign of spring

ONES are a big hit at the annual Spring Fair at Veterans Park in Albany, on Saturday, April 19. The fair, presented by Albany Preschool and the city of Albany, helps support the school founded in 1937.

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Parents at the middle school scrambling to replace half positions that have for next year; three in one library spot, the teacher and a half-time position.

Marla Stephenson said it's important during budget crisis, because the school prestige, translate into more money to pay needed resources, such as cut positions.

Teachers said the extra polish to the message, and gives the additional opportunities for grant money.

Nothing but bad news for public school and no funding, it's good for the school community as a local community as Stephenson added. "Where recognition is warranted, and we do recognize we have an exemplary

staff and parents administrators are pulling the look at what (the comprehensive needs a way to address all," said Teresa Barany Middle School helped apply for the

In 1985, the California Unified Schools' Prostate cancer and secondary in alternate years. 2,200 schools in the 400 were eligible to

apply based on the schools' Academic Performance Index results.

The applications were evaluated by teams of local educators under the direction of the California Department of Education.

Barnett said they evaluated 10 areas of the school, including: how well the school meets the needs of the community; how well it provides for the emotional and social welfare of its students; how well it's supported by the community and how well the teachers maintain the curriculum to meet state standards while keeping the material fresh and interesting.

"It's a top-to-bottom, in-and-out review of all aspects of the school," Barnett said.

She added that applying for the award was a grueling process. A 23-page application was followed by an all-day visit from state education officials in March. But it was worth it.

"It will make it possible for us to get at least one or several grants from outside sources," she said.

The award comes as no surprise to science-department chair Kay Sorg, who has been teaching at the school for 21 years.

The teachers continuously try to improve and the students consistently meet the teachers' high expectations, she said. The community strongly supports the school (as well as schools in the rest of the district), and principal Stephenson gives the teachers real decision-making powers.

"I've personally been offered jobs in lots of other areas but I prefer the diversity of Albany and I appreciate that I can come up with ideas and see them put to use," said Stephenson, who wears a white lab coat covered in messages signed by her previous year's students. "It's great, it's a good fit for me."

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## Art

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laugh. "It's creative. I would like to do better than what I'm doing."

Hazelton has contributed one of her more abstract acrylic paintings—a still-life of a wine bottle and onions sitting on a table—to the show.

The event will include paintings, sculpture, photography, graphic art and more. The most recent addition to the artistic categories is computer-generated art, reflecting the association's effort to keep up with changes on the artistic landscape, according to art association president Sylvia Falcon.

"It's a community event, a beautiful art show, over 230 entries, all media, including photography and sculpture," Falcon said. "The majority of the work will be Asian brush-stroke paintings, and it's a good way to see what local artists are doing."

The show will kick off with an awards ceremony from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Following that, the art, much of which can be purchased, will be exhibited Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. All of the events are free and will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

## El Cerrito

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recognized that," said Leigh Marymor, a Berkeley resident leading the effort to preserve the boulder. "It's pretty much a love-fest for protecting Native-American culture in El Cerrito."

The Canyon Trail Park boulder is an outstanding example of ancient Indian petroglyphs (rock carvings), said Marymor, vice president of the American Rock Art Research Association and the co-chairwoman of the Bay Area chapter of that organization. The carvings were probably used for grinding acorns or for ceremonial purposes, he said.

The rock is located on the west end of the park off Conlon Avenue. Rocks with similar carvings can be found in backyards and other areas of the city, though Marymor has paid attention to the Canyon Trail site because it is an area popular with residents.

Eight residents came out in favor of the preserving the boulder at the April 21 City Council meeting, though there was some concern about making sure any finds from the archeological dig

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** The El Cerrito Art Association's 27th Annual Art Show and Sale

**WHEN:** Friday, April 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from noon to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** The El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

**INFORMATION:** Call 510-235-2232

"We're working hard to upgrade the show, to create a more elegant presentation, improve the catalog at the show, improve the presentation, improve the cash flow, the whole bit," said El Sobrante resident Wenona Matley Bixby, who shares chairmanship of the event with El Cerrito resident Kevin Stong.

Barbara Brendlinger founded the art association more than 26 years ago. At the time it had just a few people and focused on watercolors.

Today more than 80 people are members. Professional artists discuss their craft at the association's meetings the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, in the City Council chambers. There is an art association gallery at the El Cerrito Department of Motor Vehicles and there was one at the El Cerrito Community Center before the pool went under construction.

be put in the hands of the El Cerrito Historical Society.

"I would really like to see really clear oversight" of the dig, said El Cerrito resident George McRae. He added that "even the smallest of finds need to be looked after."

Several residents gave their unconditional support for the preservation efforts.

"It's a wonderful rock and well worth preserving," said Berkeley resident Barbara Thompson.

Roger Kelly, an adjunct professor at Cal State Hayward, will perform the archeological dig with his students and prepare a report to the city about it. He said he hoped to find shell fragments or animal bone, which could become part of the interpretive story of the boulder.

"What we're trying to do is add a research dimension to what Leigh has outlined," he said.

Council members were in favor of the dig and the protective measures and voted 5-0 to let both go forward.

The protective measures include Marymor's request that the boulder be placed in its correct cultural context. That would be comprised of removing ivy and planting native Californian

Most importantly, the members are passionate, though for some the artistic urge may have been sidelined for a few years.

Thirty-five years ago, Falcon, the art association president, was an avid acrylic painter but said she suppressed her creativity after becoming a stay-at-home mother of four children.

She rediscovered her artistic side in the late 1990s after learning about the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, N.M. She became a docent there, as well as a lecturer on O'Keeffe in Santa Fe and the Bay Area.

Subsequently, she's added new media to her repertoire, including stained glass, fused jewelry, photography, and pastel paints, and has won several awards for her work.

Falcon became the president of the art association to support other artists in the community, particularly those who work in media other than paint, such as sculpture and photography.

"I'm just energized by the whole new thing that's come into my life the past five years," Falcon said. "And I think it's really important to become part of the art association, to encourage other artists to release and inspire their creativity."

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## Moyes

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California Registry and the Greater Cleveland Resource Guide have checklists. They can be picked up at Mastick (510-748-4587) in the office.

**Q: When my aunt went into a nursing home, they asked for money up front until her Medi-Cal came through. I was told it was standard procedure and that I would get that money back. It's been four months, and I haven't received it. Now they are saying I may not get it back at all.**

**A:** It is pretty standard to pay when a family member goes into a skilled nursing facility as that buys some time for family to apply for Medi-Cal. All facilities are required to return the amount if the resident is covered by Medi-Cal for that whole month.

So if she entered the facility in January and you paid for January and her Medi-Cal came through for the month of January, the Medi-Cal would start as of the first day of the month. So she would be covered from Jan. 1 by Medi-Cal; therefore, she was only responsible for her share-of-cost.

It sounds like you have already called and requested the payment be reimbursed. The California Welfare and Institutions Code§14019.3(e) states, "upon reimbursement by Medi-Cal, a facility must return any money paid on behalf of a beneficiary other than what the beneficiary owes for share of cost."

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform suggests you write the facility administrators a letter. If they do not comply with your request for a refund CANHR recommends you file a written complaint with the Department of Health Services. For more information on how to do this, call CANHR 800-474-1116 or go to their Web site: www.canhr.org.

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## Bowling

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by rolling a small white target ball, called the Jack, about three-fourths of the way toward the other end of the green. Then everyone takes turns rolling — or, as they say, “delivering” — their bowls toward it. The bowl closest to the Jack at the end wins.

The distance between the bowls and the Jack can often be quite small, requiring a tape measure, calipers or — in extremely close cases — the width of a dollar bill to determine whose bowl is closest.

“The concept is simple,” Francis says. “It’s the execution that’ll kill ya.”

The skill factor lies in the fundamental difference between the green, which is as perfect as human ingenuity can make it, and the bowl, which is as imperfect as human ingenuity can make it.

The green is as flat as possible, starting with a special grass that grows sideways, not up. The grass is mowed by a \$5,550 mower, then it’s flattened some more by a grooming machine. Next comes more flattening by the verti-tiller, followed by the ultimate step, a sander.

“Some people compare it to a putting green, but a putting green looks shaggy by comparison,” Francis says. “It’s more like the felt on a very expensive pool table.”

But while no effort is spared to make the green as flat as possible, the bowl is purposely made lopsided — which is why it’s not called a ball. It’s flattened on both ends, and one side is heavier than the other.

In the hands of a master such as Jonathan, a lopsided bowl can do wondrous things, running circles around other bowls seemingly blocking its way before coming to rest right next to the Jack.

Befitting its British roots, lawn bowling is a genteel sport, with a code of etiquette that includes wearing white and shaking hands before and after every match.

“Applaud a good shot, whoever plays it,” reads the rule book. “If your opponent plays an unlucky shot, do not show any outward sign of satisfaction at his misfortune. It is the height of bad form to criticize the condition of the green, especially if you are playing an away match.”



THE HIGHLY SKILLFUL BURNOSK, shown with teammate Howard Mackey of El Cerrito, has resisted recruiting efforts by rival clubs.

That can be tempting, because there’s often a huge difference from one green to another. This is a sport with a definite home-field advantage.

And for all its gentility, lawn bowling has its ruthless side, too, as when a bowler delivers the bowl as hard as he can at the bowls surrounding the Jack, scattering them hither and yon, a tactic known as “breaking the head.”

This year marks the Berkeley Bowling Club’s 75th anniversary.

Meanwhile, Jonathan has been playing every day when weather permits, honing his skills for the spring round of

tournaments. And as good as he is, he says there are even better players just around the corner: his 7-year-old brother Joshua and his 2-year-old brother Matthew. “Matthew has little 2-inch ‘carpet bowls’ that he plays indoors,” Jonathan says. “And he’s getting really good. I’m teaching him everything I know.”

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Board asked the council to pass the resolution because of concerns that the act gives the FBI powers to examine what materials people borrow from libraries, without needing to probable cause, or permitting patrons to be informed.

By a 4-1 vote, the council approved a resolution supporting a repeal of the act at its April 21 meeting, becoming one of more than 90 communities in the country to do so, according to the ACLU.

The resolution says the council “affirms its strong support for our constitutionally guaranteed rights and liberties, and supports repeal of those sections of the USA Patriot Act that pertain to libraries.”

The resolution also states the council’s support for the Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2003, H.R. 1157, which limits some of the provisions of the Patriot Act that deal with libraries and bookstore records. That bill is being debated in the House of Representatives.

Thirteen residents asked the council to support the resolution and two asked them to oppose it. Vice Mayor Jon Ely voted

against it.

An additional resolution supporting troops and a peace end to conflicts in Afghanistan failed to pass. Ely and Councilwoman Peggy Good voted against it. Mayor Jon Ely and Councilman voted for it.

In other business, the city staff directed city staff to cable television subscription come back to the cost and operation relating to the television meetings.

The ad hoc committee created in December of residents’ see City Council channel 29. Albany and are the only Alameda County advise council meetings.

Finally, the council reading of an abatement ordinance give new powers to conduct hearings on penalties on people comply with the abatement law.

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## Land

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a pedestrian and bike trail in there and really turn it into a nice, useable space,” Szostak said. “So we are in the process of seeking funding, and as a part of that process we want to incorporate community input.”

The May 3 meeting is designed to generate ideas about making the space more inviting and welcoming while meeting the conditions of the Coastal Conservancy grant. The conditions include making sure the creek is restored, creating public accessibility for bikes and pedestrians and incorporating an educational component into the design.

Workshop participants break into groups to discuss priorities for the space, vote on the ideas, and then report back to the meeting and discuss what people want.

The workshop was created by Peg Henrich, National Park Service, and presentations by Alameda County community planner, mental artist Christie, El Cerrito assistant, Carli Paine and Alameda County.

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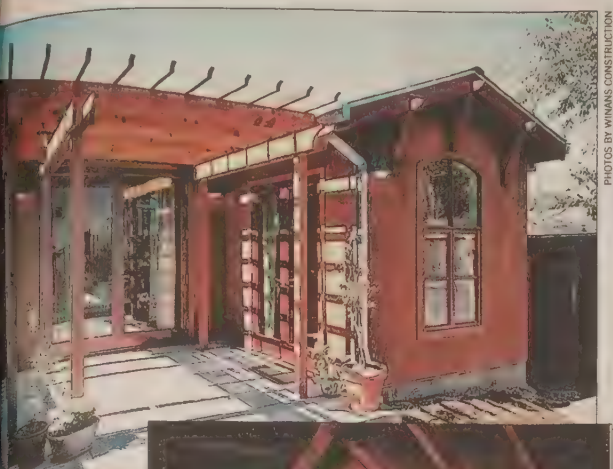


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## Oakland Realtors look at the year 2003

BY BOBBIE REID

CORRESPONDENT

Busy, busy. That's the keyword for the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR); its staff, officers and board of directors. Activities and events are filling up the calendar. This includes everything from a housing summit to a historical event.

What is all the activity at OAR about? Most recently, the association is working in concert with

the Nor-Cal Housing Coalition. The Bay East Association of Realtors initially created the coalition. The group is preparing to host a housing summit in May.

OAR's President Georgia Richardson is involved with PEPS (President Elects and Presidents). PEPS was formed during Richardson's term last year as the associations president-elect. It

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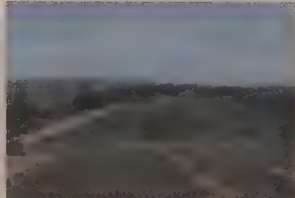
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Tickets are \$45 per person and include a keepsake booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden, a map, and directions for the self-guided tour. Tickets also include talks by garden experts held on the school grounds during lunch-time. Gourmet boxed

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A newly expanded and vibrant marketplace will be open to the public in the park-like setting of the school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "The Marketplace" will feature over 30 merchants with rare plants, fine foods and garden-related wares.

Proceeds from the tour and "The Marketplace" benefit scholarship and academic programs of Park Day School, an independent K-6 school. Park Day School is located at 370-43rd Street, in Oakland. For more information, and to purchase tickets, please call the Garden Tour Hotline at 510-653-6250 or visit [www.secretgardentour.org](http://www.secretgardentour.org).

## A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

#### Move Up Workshop

The Move Up Home Buyer Workshop is for homebuyers ready for a larger home. The free class is conducted by **Helen Walker** of Thornwall Properties and **Cori Di Donato** of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Berkeley is the location of tomorrow's class held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Some of the topics are "How to Buy A Home When You Already Have One", "Move Up Purchases in This Market" and "Bridge Loans Versus Home Equity Lines". There is no cost for the class and drop-ins are welcome. To insure a copy of the class materials, please make a reservation at 510-848-1950 ext. 250.

#### Free Answers To Home Buying

Learn the answers to many home buying questions at "The Home Buying Answers Class" This free class is from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 3. Senior Loan Consultant **Margie Lupo** of Vintage Mortgage conducts the class. To pre-register, call the "Answers Class" hotline at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610.

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#### Building Education Center

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### NAR MEETINGS

The National Association of Realtors will hold the "Realtors Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo", May 13 through May 17. This is an opportunity to learn firsthand the latest in real estate, including buying and selling trends, legislative and regulatory updates and economic predictions for both the residential and commercial sections of the market. More than 7,000 Realtors are expected to attend the meetings and make their voices heard in the nation's capitol.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

It's not too early to save the date. A Kick-Off event was held yesterday for the 21st Annual Sports Challenge. This charity fund-raiser benefiting Special Olympics is planned for Friday, August 15.

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OAR presents "The Best Kept Sales Secrets in Real Estate", breakthrough marketing that makes an immediate impact. Join facilitator **Jim McCraigh**, from 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, May 2. Would you like to get better results for your time and money? Learn how to get the most from your advertising and marketing. Register today. Seating is limited. Contact OAR at 510-836-3000.

### TECH FAIRE 2003

The Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland and Bay East Associations of Realtors are planning a three-day event, Tech Faire 2003. The fair is scheduled for April 30 through May

3, at the Monarch Hotel in Dublin. Technology courses are offered on April 30 and May 1. There will be training for real estate professionals, with the focus on technology tools and computer training. The Faire concludes on May 2 with a vendor trade show. For more details call AAR at 510-523-7229, BAR at 510-848-4288, OAR at 510-836-3000 or Bay East at 925-730-4066. More information is accessible online at [www.techfaire.org](http://www.techfaire.org).

### ORIENTATION TODAY

RHA offers a new member orientation. New members are asked to attend at 1 p.m. today. The orientation is at the RHA offices. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

### ETHICS DEADLINE

Don't wait to meet the National Association of Realtors ethics class requirement. The deadline is Dec. 31. The course stresses familiarity with the Code of Ethics and also an understanding of how the code applies to your business. Contact your local association for class information. Additionally, Realtor.org offers a free, online course.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

You are not alone. The new Tech Hotline offers California Association of Realtors members free tech support. Help is just a phone call away. The hotline provides live support from real estate technology experts. For questions about computer operating systems call 866-432-3006.

### BUSINESS TIPS

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### WHO'S ON FIRST

■ "Rebuilding Tomorrow" Christmas in the garnered additional office Union Real Estate Montclair is sponsor of a house. This general of Realtors is providing sales and the elbow grip.

■ **Debra Carrigan** to be a part of the real estate community. Barbara recently opened a Grand Avenue in downtown. Carrigan is a sales manager. To see call her 510-587-8200.

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## Winans

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the family's backyard for her to live in. Winans Construction, Inc. of Oakland built the cottage.

This cute little house has a bedroom, bathroom and a fully equipped galley kitchen. It's one story, which is so much easier for Mom now. The outside is modern and angular. There is a trellis, and plants and flowers have already

begun to grow beautifully up to reach it.

There's also a lovely patio in front that gets lots of sun most of the day. On the inside they chose a light, modern and open design with a cathedral ceiling and several wonderful arched windows.

Two sets of beautiful French doors open onto the patio- one from the kitchen, the other from the bedroom. For more information on Winans Construction, visit [www.winconinc.com](http://www.winconinc.com).

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# On the trail of the Bay Area's tiny tucked-away treasures

Part three of three parts  
Nineteenth century stone buildings are a rarity in the Bay Area. A remarkable cluster of such structures still stands in Suisun County just west of the city of Fairfield. These "Pioneer Era" buildings were all built in the 1850s and 1860s, and they still contain much of their original historic settings.

To get to this hidden treasure, take Highway 80 north to Vallejo to the Suisun Valley Road. Then turn left over the bridge and drive north along Vallejo Road about 20 miles until you come to Rockville. Then continue north a few miles until you see a small church and a cemetery on the left.

The Rockville Stone Chapel was built in 1856, out of local volcanic rock known as tufa, (the material used for all of the 19th century stone buildings in the area). This chapel was built in 1940 by the federal Progress Administration. It is an example of "Pioneer Era Revival," according to John Low, daughter of the local County Historical Society. It provided much of the information for this article.

There is shelf molding above the double doors, and a neoclassical line. The windows on the side of the chapel have diamond-shaped latticework. Adjacent to the chapel is one of the most historic grounds in California, the Rockville Public Cemetery. In the heavily tree-shaded cemetery, there are grave markers from as early as the 1850s.

One of the more prominent people buried here is Granville Smith, a leader of the Bear Flag Revolt in 1846, which started the movement to have California secede from Mexico and join the United States. Also buried here are a number of Native American residents of Solano County, including one with a stone marker that reads simply "Indian Dick, faithful servant."

At the northwest corner of the cemetery, on a separate parcel, is an old stone barn. The Baldwin Horse Barn was built in 1865. It has a massive, Romanesque Revival style archway over the entrance. There are quoins along the side of the entryway, and a small "neighing horse" bas-relief motif on the keystone.

The stonework has a rough, rusticated finish, and there are small, diamond-shaped windows along the side. This barn sits on private property. Please don't walk around without arranging a

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tour with the Solano County Historical Society.

(I will provide information on how to do this at the end of this article.)

Just a few hundred yards south of the Old Stone Chapel is the Samuel Martin Farm House, at 293 Suisun Valley Road in Fairfield, across the street from Solano Community College.

This Gothic Revival residence, (considered a cottage in Victorian times) was built in 1861 by one of

the Pioneer Era Yankee entrepreneurs who helped to develop Solano County.

This farmhouse was remodeled by Julia Morgan in 1929, and the front entrance was moved from the east side to the north side of the building.

The Samuel Martin Farm House is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places; the grounds include a vernal spring and a carriage house also remodeled by Julia Morgan.

Morgan redesigned the interior of the farmhouse and added a new wing.

The interior of the home now has 25 rooms and 10,000 square feet, and the exterior retains its original high-peaked gables, bargeboards along the eaves with pendants at the corners.

Clyde told me that there are plans currently in the works to create a historic public park on this site. It will be called the Mar-



MARK WILSON  
Owning A Piece of History

tin Suisun Historic Park, and will be dedicated to the history of local Native American history, and to pioneers, ranchers, and farmers like Samuel Martin.

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# Bubbly or solemn, everyone worries

*Return to Number 325, May 2000, in a series of true experiences in real estate*

From the start, some buyers are excited and bubbly. They can hardly wait to get out there and find what will become home. Other people, who look at buying as a project, are more solemn.

Either way, buyers worry. Practiced worries find more than enough to keep them engaged. But those who are usually cheerful, carefree types worry too. Because the buying of a house is big. It means being responsible both for money and for choosing where to live.

Most people are quite concerned about these things. They know they can't buy and then easily "un-buy" if they change their minds. The house they choose, and how much they spend to buy it, will shape a lot of their lives for some time.

The money part of buying has many sub-parts, some of which are apparent: What is affordable? What can I buy, make the payments on, still have money for food — and maybe even a vacation?

Every buyer wants to make a smart investment, to buy in a neighborhood that other people find appealing, a place that is safe to come home to at night, where walking in the evening is pleasant. Buyers hope that the house they buy will be a good place to live and will also be worth more when they want to sell.

There are the less obvious parts: Should I lock in my loan? Will prices hold, or will I pay too much if I buy now? Will prices go up?

Selecting can be difficult, too. Almost every buyer is disappointed by what he can buy. It doesn't seem to matter whether he is looking for a \$400,000 house or one for \$1,000,000, the houses he can afford are too small or too needy, they have no yard or view or privacy — or something.

Because of this, almost everyone reaches for the highest possible price. Everyone wants to get the best they can.

As the price goes up, money worries get bigger and are easily extended to repairs and wishes. How long do roofs last? If my roof leaks, where will I get the money to fix it? If we redo the kitchen countertops and buy a new dishwasher, how much will it cost?

For many first-time buyers, there are parents to worry about especially when they have loaned or given money to their kids so they can buy. Getting parents who live in an area where \$75,000 buys four bedrooms and acreage to believe California prices can be a trick. And buyers often feel the need to impress their parents with their good taste and business acumen.

Every buyer wants to make a smart investment, to buy in a neighborhood that other people find appealing, a place that is safe to come home to at night, where walking in the evening is pleasant. Everyone worries about quiet and good neighbors. In other words, buyers hope that the house they buy will be a good place to live and will also be worth more when they want to sell.

Sooner or later, looking at houses results in concentrating on a particular one. "I may not buy it," thinks the buyer, "but this one is worth looking at more closely." Now generic worries become case-specific. "Does the sun hit the kitchen in the morning? Is the room off the bedroom cold in winter? Is the foundation strong? What about the water pressure in the shower?"

"How much cash in all will I need for my down payment and closing costs? How much — including utilities and insurance — will it cost each month to live here? What will my parents think about this house?"

And, unfortunately, in our cur-

# Planting by the moon

■ Your lunar to do list for the weekend of April 26 and 27

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO  
THE DIRT GARDENER

**Saturday and Sunday** the moon is in the sign of Pisces. There is nothing specific to plant this weekend.

**Later in the Week**

**Monday** moon in sign of Aries: harvest and cultivate n Leaf Lettuce can be harvested several weeks after planting. The outer leaves are best harvested with a pair of scissors. You can repeat this weekly until the plant(s) goes to seed or bolts. **Wednesday and Thursday** the moon is in the sign of Taurus. Other things to do

- The Spittle Bug is the critter that generates all the foam or spit you see on many different plants. It does little damage and should disappear in four weeks. In the meanwhile, I would just wash the plants off with plain water. A Spittle Bug is a sure sign that spring has arrived.

- When the flowers begin to fade, move Easter Lily plants outside. Continue to water and fertilize them like another flowering plant until the foliage turns yellow. Once the foliage dies and easily separates from the ground store the bulbs, pot and all in a cool dry location.
- The bulbs can be removed from the pot and planted in a shady location next February. Also, Easter Lilies will never bloom again at Easter. Its normally blooming time is June.
- When selecting tomato plants to plant, the best ones are not necessary the short, new transplants. I like the tall plants as I can plant them up to the second set of leaves from the top. Tomatoes will develop roots off the stem. Also, they do not suffer transplant shock in hot windy weather.
- And finally, to prevent ants from climbing up and down your trees and shrubs apply Pest Barrier or Tanglefoot to the trunk. A two-inch band around the diameter will prevent the ants from getting into the canopy.



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rent market, there are other worries: "How many offers will there be? How high should I bid? What if I win? How will I feel?"

We've known a couple of people who became so paralyzed by their fears once they were concentrating on a specific house, so frightened that they wouldn't be able to make it all come out right, that they stopped dead. Even though they thought that buying was what they wanted very much, and even though this particular house fit most of their dreams, they did not make an offer because they just couldn't.

Well, now that we've got you worried, what should you do? Are you going to be paralyzed? Probably not. But what if you are? Then you won't buy a house.

If you want a house of your own, if you have enough money, if you concentrate fully on your goal, chances are good that you can make it happen. You'll get past your anguish and enjoy the relief. "At least it's done. Right or wrong, I bought it."

The house you buy won't be perfect, but you'll make it work. You'll repair the porch, or you won't. You'll build bookshelves, or get rid of your books. You'll learn to cook on an electric stove, or you'll manage to get a gas one.

You will do what every good-thinking homeowner does. You will find your favorite parts and be glad. You will go out and buy a metal rack for your pots and pans and you'll start cooking, inviting friends to taste your treats.

Your little kitchen will be crowded with friends standing around watching and talking, and this will be fine, cozy and good.

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# Wilson

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There will be a native arboretum, and a display on local pioneer history in the carriage house. The grounds will include about three acres adjacent to the farmhouse, but not the house itself. About two miles from the Martin House is another impressive Pioneer Era stone residence, The Charles Ramsey Farm House.

To get there, go south along Suisun Valley Road till you see signs for Green Valley Road. Then go north on Green Valley Road less than a mile, and the farmhouse is on your left.

This is also on private property. Please don't go onto the grounds by yourself. The Charles Ramsey Farm House was built in 1880, in "Pioneer" Greek Revival style.

The front of the house has a double, balustraded verandah, with Greek Revival style porch posts. There is also an original stone smokehouse, and a circa 1860s wooden barn on the grounds, as well as twin stone pillars flanking the driveway. In

1865, Charles Ramsey was rested by Union soldiers, "jollying on the death of a dead Lincoln."

About a mile north on Green Valley Road, at Club Drive, is the Green Country Club. Near the grounds sits the James House, another fine "Pioneer Revival" mansion.

Built in 1858 of volcanic this is now the headquarters of the country club. It has a cornice line, a hip roof with dormers, a portico with pillars, and shelf molding above the square lattice doors.

In the 1920s, the house was remodeled, and a new wing was added around the main one; the interior was Colonial Revival style.

Anyone interested in the grounds and exterior of these privately owned near Era houses, should contact Mary Highham, of the Contra Costa Historical Society, can be reached at 925-707-4000.

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# Oakland's in-law rules should stress safety

own, live in, or are considering buying a home with an in-law unit, be aware that Oakland is in the process of revising its regulations. The city is doing so to conform with a new state law effective July 1. This legislation restricts local controls on in-law units in residential areas.

There are many issues to consider and Oaklanders will have varying opinions on how to handle them. Among the concerns are neighborhood density, noise and pollution. Number one on the list should be fire safety in the unit, but do not count on this getting sufficient attention.



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ated in a dangerous part of the property.

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**Regulating current in-laws:** Existing in-law units are not subject to new codes. I see homes with several in-law units. In most cases, the units are not up to code. The main problem is that, in the worst-case scenario, people could be seriously injured or die because minimum standards were not met.

**Outlaw in-laws articles on Web site:** The city legalizes existing in-law units, each unit needs to be inspected and certified. A blanket ban with only the completion of a new unit (and, of course, a new unit would be unconscionable).

**Defining a sleeping room:** People will sleep in the unit. What defines a sleeping room, however, is not a simple matter, even at the city's office. (See What Is A Bedroom on my Web site).

Key requirements for a unit to be called a bedroom include:

- Minimum size of 70 square feet.
- At least one window that opens.
- Rules cover the size and location of the window.
- Requirements for a minimum amount of glazed openings for natural ventilation.
- At least two different exits.
- Minimum ceiling height of 7 feet.

**Poisonous gases:** Besides carbon monoxide, smoke, poisonous gases and other hazards to an unsuspecting person sleeping in a room situ-

■ A room cannot be considered a bedroom if the sole access to the hot water heater and/or furnace is through that room.

■ A bedroom cannot be located with a door opening into a garage.

**Insurance troubles:** Regardless of what action the city takes, it is prudent to tell your insurance agent about the in-law if you own or are thinking about purchasing a home with such a unit. If you do not divulge this information, you could find yourself without insurance if an occupant of your unit causes damage or, even worse, is injured or dies.

**Oakland's proposed changes:** The city has prepared a list of "proposed zoning regulation changes" for secondary units. This check list compares Oakland's current rules to new state mandates and planned changes. Items covered include permit requirements, owner occupancy, unit floor area, parking, and street emergency access.

Occupant fire and poisonous gas safety are not mentioned on the list. This oversight is worrisome.

**Final thoughts:** The subject of legalizing in-laws is about more than providing additional housing or helping homeowners pay a portion of their mortgage with rental income. It is goes beyond parking, pollution or density.

Without question, the dominant issue is the duty of our city government to only allow secondary units that will be safe for their occupants. Doing less is unacceptable.

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# Beauty's not always skin deep

■ A home's curb appeal can have significant affect on the sale

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Curb appeal—the way a home appears from the street—can have a big effect on the sale price of a listing. Homes that show well on the outside tend to attract buyers' attention. On the other hand, a listing that lacks good curb presence can be difficult to sell.

Some buyers are more influenced by curb appeal than others. A buyer who wants the world to know how successful he or she is might be inclined toward a listing that makes a showy statement from the street. Such a buyer would gravitate toward stately and architecturally impressive homes.

Other buyers put curb appeal lower on their priority list. If they value their privacy, they may prefer a home that attracts little attention. The home's interior qualities and setting are far more important to such people.

You may have heard your agent say that a listing is not a drive-by. This means that the exterior of the property does not accurately reflect what the home has to offer. In other words, what you don't see from the street is far more impressive than what you do see from the street. If you're trying to sell such a property, the key to a successful marketing effort is to get as many agents and buyers into the property as possible.

Agent and public open houses are helpful in this regard. Buyers who refuse to make an appointment to see a listing that has marginal curb appeal are often willing to drop by to see the listing on their own at a Sunday open house. Having a photo tour online for buyers to preview can also help sell the home to a reluctant buyer, particularly if the interior space or grounds have a lot to offer.

**HOME SELLER TIP:** There are ways to improve curb appeal if your home does not show well from the street. First impressions are lasting. So, eliminate any signs of deferred

maintenance that are likely to turn off a prospective buyer. Remove and replace dead landscaping, repaint where necessary and give some thought to adding architectural interest.

For example, some plain-looking houses are improved with the addition of shutters. If you need to repaint the exterior, talk to a color consultant who can recommend paint colors that will enhance the curb appeal. Replacing a chain-link fence with an attractive wood fence can add architectural interest.

Curb appeal by itself doesn't ensure a quick and profitable sale. Some homes are better on the outside than they are on the inside. A home that exudes architectural distinctiveness and charm on the outside might disappoint prospective buyers if the inside doesn't live up to their expectations.

Recently a home in a desirable neighborhood of Oakland was listed for sale. It was a charming Cape Cod style with a beautiful front garden. The owner had been told many times by passersby that they

would be interested in buying the house if the sellers ever decided to sell.

The listing did not draw the multiple offers the sellers had hoped for because the interior was dated. Enthusiastic buyers became discouraged as soon as they walked through the front door. Another listing with great curb appeal suffered because it appeared to be much larger from the street than it actually was inside. From a sales standpoint, it's better for buyers to discover that a home is larger than they expected, not smaller.

**THE CLOSING:** In situations like these, it's important to set a realistic asking price for the property. Buyers' disappointment can usually be overcome by a good price.

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# Income property 2003: A look at West Contra Costa County

**BY DAVID KUCHENTAL**  
CORRESPONDENT

Residential multi-family income property is holding its own in 2003. There have been many sales in the greater West Contra Costa areas that have been strong evidence that income units are not falling in value. Both one-to-four unit conforming buildings, and commercial five or more unit properties are both holding their own in today's market.

**RENTS**

There has been a softening of rent in many areas. Specifically, units that are par or sub-par, one and two bedroom rentals in multi-family dwellings. Between 1999 and 2002 tenants stood in

line to rent these as there were very few units available. Now these box style buildings, with lesser square footage, and in less desirable areas are not pulling the high rents they pulled during rental market rage.

A tenant can now pick and choose between areas and rents, along with amenities the building presents.

**STRONG RENTS**

I have encountered five or more investors over the last six months, when rents were supposedly softening, who had no problem maintaining current rents. Most of these properties were in excellent condition, in good areas, with amenities such as en-

closed garages, laundry rooms or stack washer-dryer appliances in the unit, etc.

Some of the other amenities were designated parking or security parking, and security ingress and egress. These units were typically near transportation such as BART, freeway access, and easy shopping.

The age and maintenance of the units also had an impact on the maintaining of the upper rents.

**INTEREST RATES**

The current interest rates are creating cashflows on properties that may be selling at a premium price, but produce a positive cash flow because of record low interest rates. On a conforming one-to-four-unit building, it is not unusual for an investor to acquire a non-owner occupied first mortgage between 5 percent on a 15

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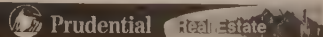
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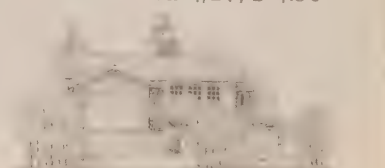
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## Do you need a professional mold inspection?

BY JOHN QUINTAL  
HOMESPEC

Many people do not know when they need to hire a professional to investigate a mold issue. Every home contains some form of mold growth, some visible and some not. You may not need a mold investigator if you simply see mold growth.

Other factors should be taken into consideration before deciding whether a mold inspection or testing is needed.

If you see mold growth and you know what water source or ventilation problem is feeding the fungal colony, then testing or inspection may not be necessary.

Regardless of what type of mold is present and to what extent, it must be cleaned and the source of water must be stopped. Mold that is not properly removed can spread and form new colonies.

The New York City Department of Health advises that fungal growth contained within an area less than 10 square feet can be cleaned by the homeowner if on non-porous surfaces.

Gloves, an appropriate disposable mask (N95) and eye protection are recommended. Areas greater than 10 square feet may have to be professionally treated. If someone in the home is asthmatic, has immune deficiencies or is very young or old, testing and remediation are recommended.

If the source of moisture is unknown, for example, you see mold growth and have no idea what is causing it, you should consult a mold investigator.

A mold investigator will be able to tell you why the mold growth is occurring (source detection) and how to alleviate the problem.

Air testing can be performed if there are multiple areas or an exceedingly large area that may be releasing an abundance of spores into the indoor environment.

Another reason you may need

If the source of mold is unknown, for example, you see mold growth and have no idea what is causing it, you should consult a mold investigator.

to perform testing is if the home has a musty or moldy smell, which could indicate excessive mold spores within the home. Tests can be conducted within the wall cavity to search for hidden mold growth.

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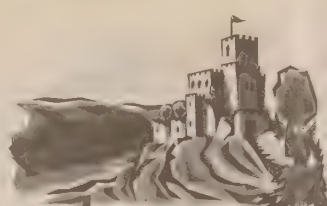
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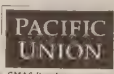
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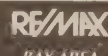
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### 52 Chancellor Place, Claremont Hills

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New listing, new home! One of a kind, Architect-designed. SF, Bay views. Euro pizzazz. Vaulted ceilings, Juliet balcony, skylit flower boxes. Divine master! Kitchen/family room to jewel garden. 3+ bedrooms, study, 2.5 baths.

\$1,350,000. Jane Allen 524-9888 x23



### 19 Drury Lane, Claremont Hills

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

(Alvarado to Amato, left on Drury to Drury Lane)  
First time on market! Extraordinary G.G., S.F. and hills views from this architect-designed craftsman home! The excellent floorplan features a sunken living rm, dining rm w/ deck, library & fam. rm, romantic master bdrm, 2 other bdrms & 2.5 baths. Special features include nice use of mahogany, maple floors, high ceilings, decks, wainscoting, limestone—a very special property.

\$1,095,000. Maya Trilling 524-9888 x18



### 656 Arlington Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New List! 3+ bdrms, 2.5 baths. Come enjoy this 1924 Mediterranean-style, sun-filled delight! This splendid home features a courtyard entry, cathedral ceiling, arched windows and doors, faux-finished plaster walls, hardwood floor and more.

\$685,000. Bill McDowell 524-9888 x30



### 897 Glendome Circle, Oakland, Glenview District

Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:30

New List! Sunny, sophisticated 3-bdrm, 2-bath 1930s home. Tastefully remod. kitchen w/ eating space & French doors to brick patio. Open space off back wraparound deck provides lots of privacy. Open, light floorplan w/ wonderful color, hwd floors & lovely archways. Large bdrms w/ hill & Bay outlooks; downstairs fam. rm w/ trpic & lots of room, 2-car garage. Easy commute to S.F. To learn more about Glenview, go to [considerglenview@yahoo.com](mailto:considerglenview@yahoo.com)

\$640,000. Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 x22



### 1503 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00-4:00

New List! Charming, light-filled Mediterranean w/ 2+ bdrms, 1.5 baths. Close to wonderful North Berkeley shops, cafes, BART & U.C. You will especially like the refinished floors throughout, the front parlor with fireplace, spacious kitchen w/ sweet breakfast nook, large balcony off 2nd floor, private backyard & detached garage.

\$559,000. Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35



### Coming Soon - Montclair

3+ bdrms, 2 baths. Warm Contemporary with wonderful vistas. The open floorplan is accented with random-plank hardwood floors and Tahoe character. The master bedroom features a stunning slate master bath. This home embraces serenity and feels thoroughly comfortable.

\$550,000 Bill and Tracy x33

### Coming Soon - Albany

2 bdrm, 1 bath. Located in a desirable neighborhood, this sophisticated Bungalow combines original character with impeccable taste. Favored floorplan unfolds from the dignified entry, through the living room and formal dining room, towards the kitchen with breakfast nook. Well cared for, with a play-friendly yard and manicured lawn.

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 1599 Chandler St - \$315,500  
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 5932 Contra Costa - \$1,464,000  
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 8414 Dowling St - \$291,000  
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3124 Linden St - \$235,000  
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 3207 Star Av - \$245,000  
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## PIEDMONT

23 Craig Av - \$1,775,000  
 4439 Moraga Av - \$375,000  
 4902 Park Bl - \$405,000  
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 17 Sierra Av - \$3,675,000

## RICHMOND

1110 24th St - \$270,000  
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1801 4th St - \$300,000  
 870 8th St - \$281,000  
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 2744 East Ct - \$249,500  
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 10 Katrina Court, Orinda

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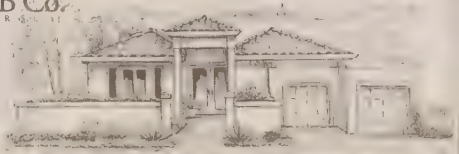
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342 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. A fabulous traditional home in mint condition with four bedrooms, one and one half baths and a bonus room below! Very charming garden and a garage too! Great location close to Wildwood School.

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COMING SOON



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Move right in and enjoy one-level living and a San Francisco Bay view in this delightful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Montclair home. The charming living room has a vaulted ceiling, brick fireplace & hardwood floor. The sunny kitchen opens to the yard with a bay view, deck and lawn for outdoor entertaining. Formal dining with bay view.

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★ Open House - Sunday, April 27, 2003 1-5pm ★★



**Rockridge**  
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Charming Turn-of-the-Century Bungalow in Rockridge

This wonderful Rockridge home and you won't be disappointed. It features 2 bedrooms, a delightful "bath" style bathroom, and a remodeled eat-in kitchen. The wonderful architectural detailing is still intact with 2 built-in China cabinets with stained glass doors, a wood burning fireplace in formal dining room, wood floors, wainscoting, moldings, a cool entryway bench, and built-in glass-fronted bookcases. The remodeled kitchen features a sunny and spacious breakfast room, white tile countertops, double bowl sink, dishwasher, and tons of cabinets in designer colors. Both of the bedrooms have big closets and the laundry room is conveniently located off the back hallway. There is a full basement that offers plenty of storage and a 1 car garage. There are updated systems and the interior is freshly painted. The sunny level rear yard is a perfect place for friends & family, and there is plenty of room for a garden. This home is located in the heart of Rockridge on a friendly street with one of the best annual block parties. This new home is close to all the Great Shops and Restaurants on College Avenue, BART, Casual Carpooling - making the commute to SF a snap. You will love the wonderful Bay Weather and Gallons of Great Coffee nearby.

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671 Miner Road, Orinda

NEW LISTING. This grand traditional is majestically situated on 1.02 acres at the end of an enchanting private gated drive. There are four bedrooms/three and one half baths including a luxurious master suite with fireplace. Enjoy the comfortable study, stunning living room with soaring ceilings, fireplace and built-ins, formal dining room that opens to an expansive terrace, with vistas of the landscaped garden, pool and spa.

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**NORTH BERKELEY \$1,950,000**  
LA LOMA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
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SEAVIEW AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! A very special one level home in prized location. Level and out to large private patio. 3+BR/BA. Family room. Sally Morrison x1313

**REDMONT \$1,495,000**  
LA SALLE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Wonderful 1929 Mediterranean awaits loving restoration. Large graceful formal rooms, huge kitchen, private level 4BR/4.5BA. Dee Knowland x1318

**MONTCLAIR \$1,445,000**  
FAIRLANE DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
1997 Mediterranean on broad landscaped site. 4BR/4.5BA, study, family rooms, 3 car garage, panoramic views. Gini Erck x1339

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,395,000**  
OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Gourmet kitchen, cherry floors, fully patio, level yard, excellent location. Dee Knowland x1318

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,295,000**  
BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Mediterranean style home with amazing SF bay views. 4+BR/2.5BA, den & study. Jennie A. Flanagan

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**PIEDMONT \$1,225,000**  
226 SAN CARLOS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Charming Brown Shingle rich in architectural detail. 3+BR/2.5BA, updated kitchen opens to family room, french doors to large level yard. Georgia Cornell x1325

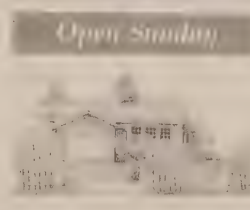


**MONTCLAIR \$1,099,000**  
1225 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Stylish new home w/high ceilings, cherry floors & artistic stonework. Large family room opens to garden. Close to Montclair Village. 4BR/3.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

**MONTCLAIR \$899,000**  
7455 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Near Montclair Village. Stunning 2 yr. old home w/impeccable finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3+BR/2.5BA, family & rumpus room. Nancy Moore x1302



**PIEDMONT \$799,000**  
32 SYLVAN WAY (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! 3+BR/2BA, family room, "Granny's house" in good condition; needs some updating. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308



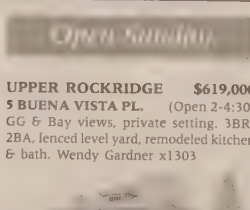
**BERKELEY \$775,000**  
944 EUCLID AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Private hill retreat. Beautifully updated & remodeled. Hardwood floors, level back yard, French doors to deck & garden. 3BR/3BA. Mary Montali x1350

**OAKLAND \$759,000**  
2004 10TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Large Tudor Revival by architect Albert Farr. Redwood & cherry wood details. 5+ BR/4BA. Grand living rm, spacious dining rm, lib, study & entry. Large FR. Historical rich. Rich Gould x1347

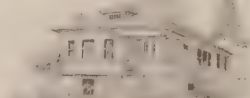
**UPPER OAKMORE \$699,000**  
2134 BRAEMAR RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious traditional on quiet cul-de-sac w/hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, family room, bonus room & level yard. 3BR/3BA. Steven Biasatti x1379



**RIDGEMONT \$689,000**  
6206 VIEWCREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
4BR/3BA, maple floors, sunny kitchen with island, large family room opens to wonderful patio, level lawn & garden. Robyn Mohr x1310.



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$619,000**  
5 BUENA VISTA PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
GG & Bay views, private setting. 3BR/2BA, fenced level yard, remodeled kitchen & bath. Wendy Gardner x1303



**ROCKRIDGE \$595,000**  
636 62ND ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
First Open! Sunny 2BR bungalow. Original vintage detailing, updated kitchen & bath, sunroom, deck, garden, basement w/expansion possibilities. Joanna Hirsch x1366



**BERKELEY \$559,000**  
20 MENLO PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Quintessential Thousand Oaks cottage surrounded by pretty gardens & trees. Charming 2BR/1BA. Light & airy. Shows beautifully. Leslie Easterday x1363

**OAKLAND HILLS \$549,000**  
3030 BROADMOOR VW. (Open 2-4:30)  
Panoramic bay view, 3 levels. 4BR/3.5BA, family room, rumpus, 2 car attached garage, approx. 2500 sq. ft. Master suite, decks & level yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

**BERKELEY \$537,000**  
2430 5TH ST., UNIT 1 (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious light-filled wonderful 3 story live/work space w/SF view! Live up, work down or live in both! 1+BR/2BA. Near 4th St. shopping. Joanna Gould x1346

Open Sunday

**UPPER DIMOND \$489,000**  
3990 FOREST HILL (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Sunny & bright 2+BR/1BA bungalow with two bonus rooms and large, lovely backyard with two patios and new deck. Nancy Chew x1342

**EL SOBRANTE \$439,000**  
5764 AMEND ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Designer perfect one level family home on large corner lot. 3BR/2BA, fireplace, master suite. Michelle Vasey x1359

**OAKLAND \$439,000**  
543 ALLEN ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
First Open! Idora Park 2+BR/1+BA split level Mediterranean beauty. Hardwood floors, Wolf range, fireplace, large level yard. Michelle Vasey x1359

**NORTH OAKLAND \$429,000**  
633 57TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! 2+BR/1BA Craftsman charmer with gorgeous garden, hardwood floors, original fireplace and sun room. Tom Nemeth x1381.

By Appointment

**BERKELEY \$1,449,000**  
Beautifully restored Claremont traditional with much architectural detail. Updated kitchen and baths, 4 fireplaces. 3+BR/3.5BA. Mary Montali x1350

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000**  
Bay view lot, privacy. Approximately 12,800 square feet. One mile walk to BART. David Ichikawa x1331

**SAN LEANDRO \$519,000**  
Lovely 3BR/2BA in Estudillo Estates. Fabulous floor plan, lots of light, formal dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen, large level patio & garden. Candy Benny x1328

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$479,000**  
Story book tudor with gracious formal rooms. 2BR/1BA & plus room, level garden. Jeanine Weller x1329

**BERKELEY LOT \$250,000**  
Gentle upslope in sought-after North Berkeley location w/SF view. Nancy Noman x1373

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315 South 15th St - \$264,000  
133 South 4th St - \$229,000  
4812 Wall Av - \$325,000

### SAN LEANDRO

1315 136th Av - \$360,000  
1465 141st Av - \$280,000  
1705 151st Av - \$520,000  
1641 159th Av - \$425,000  
1263 Alder Creek - \$530,000  
1273 Alder Creek - \$555,500  
1275 Alder Creek - \$531,000  
13706 Bancroft Av - \$255,500  
708 Buriat St - \$247,000  
710 Buriat St - \$247,000  
721 Buriat St - \$625,500  
725 Buriat St - \$546,000  
3960 Carmel Wy - \$419,000  
15313 Central Av - \$380,000  
55 Cornwall Wy - \$401,000  
14629 Doolittle Dr - \$267,000  
1685 Hickory Av - \$355,000  
929 Hoad St - \$395,000  
978 Hutchings Dr - \$319,000  
1756 London Av - \$390,000  
16367 Saratoga 204E - \$250,000  
14818 Sylvia Wy - \$360,000  
15285 Upton Av - \$415,000  
16220 Windsor Dr - \$439,000  
3895 Yorkshire St - \$255,000

### SAN LORENZO

524 Doane St - \$360,000  
17287 Via Estrella - \$287,000  
17452 Via Estrella - \$350,000  
17351 Via La Jolla - \$369,000  
17051 Via Margarita - \$335,000  
16103 Via Media - \$355,000  
663 Via Mirabel - \$370,000  
17055 Via P'tiempo - \$200,000  
15915 Via Pinale - \$350,000  
15703 Via Punta - \$370,000

### By the numbers

**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST PRICE: \$204,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$509,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$480,767

**ALIBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$349,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$477,250

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**Oakland**  
Adorable 1907 two bedroom + office craftsman bungalow, nestle behind a lush front garden and white picket fence. Updated bath. Remodeled kitchen with energy Star appliances. Landscaped backyard. Walking distance to Piedmont and Lake Merritt. This is truly a MUST SEE!!  
\$399,000

**Golden Gate Heights**  
Wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home on the cusp of Golden Gate Heights with views to Marin & the Bay. Main level has formal living & dining rooms, remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances, 1 bath & 2 bedrooms (one with deck access). Lower level has office/den, 3rd bedroom and 2nd bath plus access to garage and laundry with plenty of storage.  
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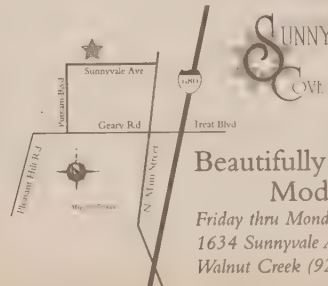
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### OPEN 2-4:30

**1138 DRURY ROAD \$1,450,000**  
**Claremont Hills.** Beautiful new arts & crafts contemporary with drop dead panoramic views! Showcase kitchen, great colors, rich woods & unsurpassed workmanship.  
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



**152 TAURUS AVE. \$1,450,000**  
**Montclair.** Gorgeous Panoramic view home. Quiet street off Broadway Terrace, great commute, close to Montclair shops. Big bold & beautiful. Just under 4,000 sq. ft. complete in-law, gourmet kitchen, two fireplaces, 4+BD & large patios on three levels for outdoor entertainment.  
Doris Taboloff 925-943-1187

**6959 CHARING CROSS \$1,149,000**  
**Oakland Hills. REDUCED!** Spacious & light-filled new home! Dramatic open floor plan includes 4BD/3.5BA, huge rumpus room, dining rotunda & eat-in kitchen off family room. Fabulous colors & finishes.  
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

**6350 CONTRA COSTA \$999,000**  
**Upper Rockridge.** Spectacular four bedroom, four bath, 3200 sq. ft. charmer. Its fabulous floor plan has been accented with subtle colors that appeal to most. Light-filled rooms, magnificent living room & huge family room.  
Pedram Karbassi 531-7000 x090



**35 BAY FOREST COURT \$995,000**  
**Oakland Hills. REDUCED!** Stylish living with this luxurious view home. You won't find a better value! Over 3200 sq. ft., 4+BD/3.5BA, gourmet kitchen, huge bonus room can be 2nd master or media room, hot tub, more! Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

### OPEN 2-4:30



**75 STARVIEW \$689,000**  
**Hillier Highlands. New Listing!** Beautiful townhome with bay views and terrific floor plan. 3BD/2.5 BA including romantic master suite with fireplace. Wendy or Mary 531-7000

**1370 BARROWS RD \$595,000**  
**Cracker Highlands.** Handsomely refinished 3BD/1+BA traditional in prestigious Trestle Glen area. Gleaming hwd floors, updated kit, new roof, new paint in & out, lots of charm. Close to Lakeshore/Grand Ave. shopping, dining & cinemas. Easy access to Hwy 13 & 580. Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 x286

**748 MANDANA BLVD \$499,000**  
**Cracker Highlands.** Sunny & delightful two bedroom Cracker traditional in move-in condition. Updated eat-in kitchen with glass doors to private deck. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. New foundation & drainage, new exterior & interior paint.  
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

**2021-2023 14th AVENUE \$490,000**  
**New China Town.** Duplex of 3BD/1BA 1043 sq. ft. floor plan. Remodeled windows, hardwood floors, kitchens. Separately metered for water, gas and electricity. Very low expenses. Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x246

**708 45th STREET \$310,000**  
**North Oakland.** Triplex. Three one-bedroom units with unique characteristics, claw foot tubs. Near BART. One vacant. Good potential for owner-occupier or investor. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

### OPEN 2-4:30



**95 EMERY BAY DRIVE \$245,000**  
**Emeryville. 1st Open!** Delightful top floor 2BD/1BA condo w/fireplace, new carpets & a lovely balcony in a park like setting. If you are looking for a serene & tranquil setting, you've found it right in the midst of bustling & bustling Emeryville. Close to everything, EZ commute to S.F. Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 x286

**425 ORANGE STREET #202 \$190,000**  
**Adams Point. Price reduced** on already super affordable condo! Bright and sunny, new kitchen appliances, updated bath.  
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

### COMING SOON

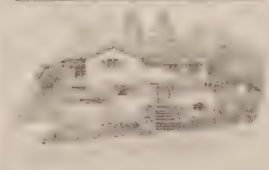


**WONDERFUL 2-STORY BROWN SHINGLE**  
With original arts and crafts detail just a block from the lake. Three bedrooms, formal dining room with wainscoting, fireplace in living room, beamed ceilings, enclosed sun porch overlooking terrace back yard. Quality and charm!  
Kate Meadow 531-7000 x288

### BY APPOINTMENT

**GRACIOUS NEW HOME! \$1,315,000**  
**Montclair.** Grand-sized rooms abound in rich colors, exceptional privacy and views of canyon & bay. Three bedrooms, three full baths, marvelous home office/media room. Luxurious master suite & bath.  
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

### BY APPOINTMENT



**PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$939,000**  
**Piedmont.** Gracious 40's home with lovely formal rooms and exceptionally private pool and patio. Three bedrooms, including master suite, two and one half baths, wonderful library with fireplace. Elevator too.  
Mary or Wendy 531-7000

**PANORAMIC VIEWS! \$739,000**  
**Hillier Highlands.** from both levels of this newly renovated Hillier townhome. Eat-in kitchen, FDR and office space. Master faces views, other bedrooms face greenbelt. Country club membership optional.  
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

**NEW LISTING, GREAT LOCATION \$699,000**  
**Oakland.** Near downtown Oakland. Four plex plus carriage house. Classic craftsman with modern upgrades. Anne Bruff 531-7000 x258

**MARVELOUS VIEWS! \$659,000**  
**Montclair.** Mid-Century modern with views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate. Three bedrooms, three full baths, hardwood floors, FDR, eat-in kitchen and family room. Very private entry courtyard. A rare find.  
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

**TEMESCAL VICTORIAN \$575,000**  
**Temescal.** Six legal units, great for income, or could be converted to large home plus two units. Anne Bruff 531-7000 x283



**ENCHANTING MEDITERRANEAN \$485,000**

**Upper High Street Terrace.** With many fine architectural details, two bedrooms plus office/sunroom, knotty pine family room, high beamed ceilings, formal dining & breakfast nook, large pretty backyard.  
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

### BY APPOINTMENT

**SPACIOUS DUPLEX \$339,000**  
**North Oakland.** Updated kitchen, two full bathrooms. Upper unit is 2+ bedrooms, lower unit is 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Large yard. One garage & off-street space in driveway.  
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

### LAND

**AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE \$499,000**  
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Heidi Kearsley 531-7000 x295

**NEARLY LEVEL LOT! \$179,000**  
Heart of Montclair. Last undeveloped lot on Robin Hood Way. Approximately 5,105 feet of frontage. Utilities in the ground. Reports available. zoned R30.  
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

**JEWELL CT. - BAY VIEW LOT! \$1,000,000**  
"Path of Progress" lot opportunity in the heart of the Claremont Hills. This parcel has easily accessible level work on street has begun.  
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Economic forecasters say that 2003 will be a continued good year for Real Estate. The Chief Economist for the California Association of Realtors predicts "an approx. 10 percent growth in real estate across all of California values in 2003." This forecast takes into consideration areas that are above and below the established average. A Mortgage Brokerage Corporation recently had a meeting that resulted in a communi-

cation to the owners and Brokers of the firm that said "interest rates will remain low or lower over 2003." I do not have a crystal ball so I cannot forecast what will happen in the future. However, with over \$75 billion in new debt from the war, an economic slow-down, and many of the factors that have happened in similar economic cycles in the past, indicate that investors had better stay informed. If inflation starts to rise, unemployment continues to increase, and stocks continue to fall,

this may start a new cycle in the value of investment properties. The prior Ginny Mae director said in San Francisco in February of 2002 "all rental property values are directly tied to jobs." Considering the booming economy from 1998 through 2001, and the huge increase in the value of rents, and growth in values of units, he was certainly correct.

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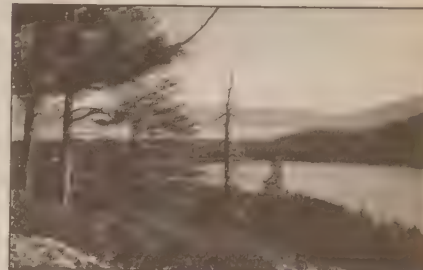
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### Open Sunday

#### OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$1,495,000  
Grand View Dr. Beautifully crafted new home. 3BR/4.5BA, S.F., Bay and canyon views. See among mature oak trees.

Kirk Phillips  
(510) 868-1400

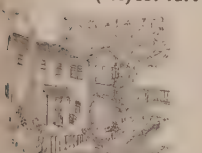


Open Sun. 1-4 \$1,295,000  
Hawthorne Dr. Big views - Upper Rockridge. 3BR/3.5BA contemporary. Close to

[friedmanrealtor.com](http://friedmanrealtor.com)  
(510) 868-1400

Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$885,000  
Hammill Rd. 1st Open! Classic 3+BR/2+BA home with hardwood floors, built-ins, updated kitchen and fireplace.

[GeneBoomer.com](http://GeneBoomer.com)  
(510) 339-9290



Open Sun. 1-5 \$778,000  
Catalina Dr. 1st Open! Everything redone on 1/2 acre. Over 1500 sq. ft. home. Large yard. Village 90% clear pest.

[KatieOShea.com](http://KatieOShea.com)  
(510) 339-9290

Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$638,000  
Parson Dr. 1st Open! Bay view and lovely 1/2 acre lot. Located in the Oakland hills.

Myrtice Wong  
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$599,000  
6476 Valley View, Montclair retreat. Quiet, serene. Hardwood, fireplace, decks. Close to Village.  
Glass/Sabine  
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$558,000  
7970 Shay Drive. 1st Open! All level 4BR/2.5BA home with enclosed patio.

Myrtice Wong  
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$549,000  
1586 Vista. 1st Open! Great location for this 4BR/2BA Craftsman. Decks, huge yard. Could be a duplex again.

Martine Erickson  
(510) 428-0900

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$539,000  
4115 Gilbert St. Craftsman bungalow in popular Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. Downstairs in-law. Great yard.

Lisa Friedman  
(510) 845-0211

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$459,000  
397 50th Street. Sunny 3BR/1BA Craftsman with Old World charm. Gleaming floors, updates and more!

Vikki Landes  
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$459,000  
209 29th Street. Big 4BR/2BA with garage. Hardwood floors, lots of charm. Close to Lake Merritt.

Richard Matus  
(510) 834-2010

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$425,000  
373 4th Street #1B. Large custom 1BR/1BA loft on ground floor. Secure parking. Pargo floors. Completely renovated building.

Gene Boomer  
(510) 339-9290

★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$399,999  
3468 Calandria. Contractor's special. 3+BR/2.5BA, au-pair. Hardwood floors, Bay view.

Shirley Covington  
(510) 834-2010

★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$379,000  
3388 Madera Ave. Maxwell Park beauty with views. Lots of light! See tour: [www.pruweb.com/NancyBlom](http://www.pruweb.com/NancyBlom)

Teri, Jessica & Francis  
(510) 337-8670

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$325,000  
4843 Fairfax. Price reduced! Cozy 3BR/1BA with sweet yard, detached garage and room for potential.

Amy Davis  
(510) 868-1400

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$299,000  
250 Whitmore #101. Rockridge 2BR with pool, sauna, gym. Near shopping and commute bus to S.F.

Ardeene  
(510) 834-2010

#### ALAMEDA

★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$325,000  
301 Broadway #210. Shoreline. Sunny 2BR/2BA condo with updated kitchen, fireplace, secure parking and move-in condition.

[JohnWesleyRealtor.com](http://JohnWesleyRealtor.com)  
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#### BERKELEY/ALBANY

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$475,000  
2200 6th Street. 2+BR/1BA home plus commercial space - used auto body shop. Near 4th Street shops.

Anita Becker  
(510) 868-1400

★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$295,000  
1905 Chestnut. 2BR/1BA fixer with loads of Berkeley charm. Fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely landscaping. Near shops.

Laura Margulius  
(510) 868-1400

#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$498,000  
1559 Solitude Lane. 4BR/2.5BA on quiet court with creek setting. 2,384 sq. ft. of living space on 22 acres.

John Chaney  
(510) 527-9800

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$405,000  
425 Limerick Dr. Attention first time buyers - Bright, spacious 4BR/2BA single story with approximately 1600 sq. ft. Low maintenance yard.

(510) 287-9236



★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$379,000  
755 34th Street. 3BR/1BA Bungalow. Hardwood floors, fireplace, updated kitchen and bath. Extra large lot, attached garage, quiet neighborhood.

Laura Margulius  
(510) 868-1442

#### RESIDENTIAL INCOME



★ Open Sun. 1-5 \$875,000  
2001 Vine Street. Divine duplex with separate cottage. Roof deck, formal dining room. S.F. style flats. Delivered vacant.

Candice  
(510) 868-1400



★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$689,000  
762 Walker. Just listed! Gorgeous duplex plus art studio! Grand Lake 3BR home plus 3BR flat. Many upgrades!

Adrienne Nash  
(510) 845-0211

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$639,000  
275 Ridgeway. Price reduced! Gorgeous Edwardian tri-plex in popular Piedmont Ave. area. Great owners unit.

Lisa Friedman  
(510) 845-0211

★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$600,000  
3101 Park Blvd. Glorious Normandy 4-plex. Two 2BR/1BA, two 1BR/1BA. 8 parking spaces.

CP-Yang-Looker  
(510) 834-2010

★ Open Sun. 2-5 \$560,000  
1656 Russell. Duplex. New kitchens, baths. 3BR units. Berber, parquet flooring.

Chris Henry  
(510) 868-1400

### By Appointment

#### OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

**Piedmont New Listing \$1,450,000**  
5BR/5BA Contemporary with panoramic views. Spacious rooms for dining, family room and RR. Deck and patio. Great for entertaining.

Mary McNeill  
(510) 428-0900

#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**Bungalow for Sale! \$265,900**  
Clean, well-kept 2BR/1BA split home with formal dining area, inside laundry, 1 car garage and hot tub.

Cheremay Sutton  
(510) 527-9800

#### RESIDENTIAL INCOME

**Great Opportunity \$2,250,000**  
30 units in Oakland. Great investment opportunity. Close to freeway. Call Ray for details.

Ray Sharma  
(510) 527-9800

#### COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT

**New Construction \$550,000**  
Building 2nd business - burger and taco sales - across from Oakland BART. Stand alone building.

Tony Souza  
(510) 869-4624



## Sales

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**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST PRICE: \$176,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$787,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$481,208

**EL CERRILLO**  
TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$390,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$434,167

**EL SOBRANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$174,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$334,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,917

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$435,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$275,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,714

**KENSINGTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$540,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$970,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$755,000

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 68  
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,846,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$380,228

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,675,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,330,000

**RICHMOND**  
TOTAL SALES: 31

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 25  
LOWEST PRICE: \$247,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$390,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$390,700

**SAN LORENZO**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$370,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$334,600

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## Income

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## WHAT'S MISSING

With the terrific growth in value of the one to four unit properties in the Bay Area, there has been one area that been missing. The move-up building: 6 to 20 units have been very few and far between. Owners of a four-plex who want to move up to a 6 or 8-unit building have had a hard time finding their up-leg, or replacement property.

Clean, well-kept managed buildings in the six to 20 unit range have been selling without problem. These buildings fall into the non-conforming Commercial Loan category. The positive about this lending market-

place is that in early March a borrower could apply for a three-, five-, or seven-year fixed-rate loan, with a 30 year to 15 year amortization.

A three-year fixed-rate loan could be in the 4.75 percent interest rate range, and the seven-year fixed rate loans in the 6 percent range. This made cashflows sing. Rates have increased up over the last 30 days from a quarter to a half percent higher across the board.

I see nothing but a bright future for owners of units who maintain and care for their units, paint and clean their buildings, and provide

good habitable rental property for their tenants. This type of owner should stay solvent, and the best units in the best areas with pride of ownership buildings will stay on top.

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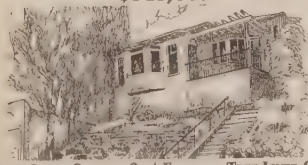
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7112 Westmoreland Sun 2 - 4:30  
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4 BR 3 BA Striking contemporary w/dramatic architectural detail. Open floor plan, terrific natural light, some views too! Don't miss this one.  
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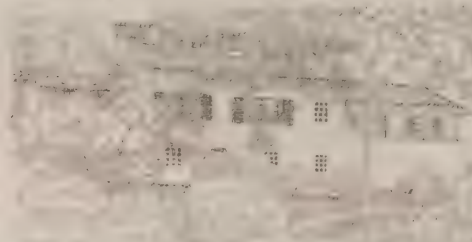
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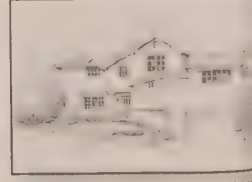
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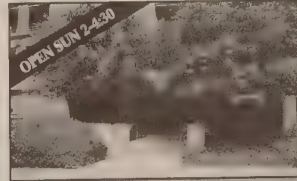
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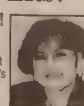
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Delightful 2-year old home. Spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood floors on main level. Oversize family room/dining/kitchen combo. Upgraded kitchen, fam room w/fireplace & built-in home theatre. Beautifully landscaped backyard.  
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Nic Tang 559-2918

**EL CERRITO, 8266 Terrace Drive \$469,000**  
Wonderful Hills location in Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. Gorgeous light-filled home with 3 bedrooms, beautiful formal living/dining combination. Nicely landscaped with plus room off garden for studio or workshop.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Mary Gray 559-2939

**RICHMOND ANNEX, 1343 South 59th St. \$379,000**  
Great family home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths on 2 levels. Plus hobby room or recreation area, fireplace in living room, carpets over hardwood floors, attached garage, spacious rear yard, serene vistas. Excellent quiet location.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Joan Underwood 559-2911

**RICHMOND ANNEX, 5725 Burlingame Ave. \$370,000**  
Very appealing home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, light and airy kitchen, remodeled bathroom. Inviting outdoor space consisting of patios deck with Golden Gate view, patio, pond and flowers. No up and call the seller for prices.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Joan Underwood 559-2911

**PT. RICHMOND, 401 Western Dr. \$1,375,000**  
Live on the "Richmond Riviera" in a magnificent waterfront property. Spectacular 3 bridge views from nearly every room. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths + separate cottage for au-pair or guest. 2-car garage w/attached room for storage.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Jeri Janes 559-2902 292-3040

**OAKLAND, 7328 Circle Hill Dr. \$399,950**  
Completely remodeled 1924 home in a park-like setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious living/dining "L." Gorgeous views from huge picture window looking out to garden and mature trees. Very quiet neighborhood, dear pest report.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Diana Mendler 559-2937

**RICHMOND VIEW, 6603 Kensington Ave. \$325,000**  
Somewhere between "Contractor's Special" and "Needing TLC" Two bedrooms and one bath up; family room and bath down. Formal dining room, fireplace in living room, Bay views.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Merrilyn Rhodes 292-3048

**RICHMOND, 3314 Rheem Ave. \$325,000**  
Great two plus bedroom, one bath w/ fireplace, breakfast room in new kitchen, remodeled kitchen and bath. Plus master bedroom or office. Good separation of living areas.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Mary Lou Loomis 527-2700 x28

**BERKELEY, 2535 Hawthorne Terrace \$389,000**  
Coming Soon! Open Sunday! European! Wonderful light, high ceilings, garden view, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, plus master bedroom w/ office. Walk to U.C.  
Open Sunday 2-4  
Ann Arriola Plant 527-2700 x28

**OAKLAND, 2521 Carmel St. \$429,000**  
Built circa 1942, this one story Lincoln Heights charmer bungalow exudes warmth, style, charm. The floor is oak, refinished in a warm golden color. The kitchen has been remodeled using the finest quality materials & sleek stainless steel appliances. The bathroom has been redone with tumbled marble tile and the latest in bathroom fittings. Arched doorways and a well-designed floor plan complete the picture of a made to order, move-in condition home. The yard is landscaped including a deck and hot tub.  
Open Sun. 4/27 & 5/4 2-4  
Kathie Berg 527-2700 x34

**BERKELEY, Coming Soon. \$389,000**  
North Berkeley condo. Appealing 2 bedroom condo with large yard. Walking distance to U.C., shops, movie theatres & transportation.  
Diane Mintz 527-2700 x28

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**3884 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette  
Toad Hall**

Take a wild ride around this over one acre estate w/lighted tennis court, fabulous landscaping & heated pool. Don't forget to see the approx. 6,000 sq. ft. house with 4 BR, 3 full BA and 1 half baths + two kitchens.

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**434 Grizzly Peak Boulevard**

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**Offered @ \$975,000**

### Nearly New "Mark Becker" Villa

This recently built home by renowned Builder Mark Becker was inspired by the rich and dramatic architecture of the Upper Rockridge. Mark's signature subtle style and elegance awaits you in your new home and as overlooked, from the limestone countertops to hand plastered walls and softly arched ceilings. Every inch of evidence that great craftspeople plied their craft to the highest standards, with the finest quality materials. Douglas Fir flooring, pine cabinetry, gourmet quality appliances, tile roofing, and lighting by "Metro" are just a few examples of the quality and character found in this wonderful home.

With 3 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms, including a striking master suite with a peek of the Golden Gate Bridge, formal dining room, living room graced with a hand plastered fireplace, 2 car garage, and a media/family room this home truly offers you the chance to own the home of a "lifetime".

If you are looking for a convenient location and access to one of Oakland's best public schools then look no farther. Located in Upper Rockridge and still close to College Avenue shops and restaurants. Freeways, BART, the Village Market and the Montclair shopping district, and of course Great Coffee is nearby.

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\$180,000 1305 Webster St. #C107 0BD/1BA Sun. 2-4 510-748-1139 Gallagher & Lindsey Patricia Gomilla	\$439,000 232 Santa Clara Avenue 2BD/-BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Main Island 510-337-9413/1293 Kane & Associates Alan Lertzman/Joanna Letzia	\$565,000 112 Avington Rd. 3 BD / 2 BA Open Sat 2-4 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty Darin Vinal	\$769,000 1827 San Jose Ave 4BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4829 Harbor Bay Realty Margaret Lomba	\$775,000 944 Euclid Avenue Sun 2-4:30 510-868-1481 Pacific Union R.E.
\$225,000 955 Shorepoint #307 1BD/1BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1111 Gallagher & Lindsey David McIntyre	\$439,500 410 Marshall Way 3BD/2.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1108 Gallagher & Lindsey Bill Bissett	\$565,000 112 Avington Road 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty Darin Vinal	\$929,000 1624 San Antonio Avenue 3BD/1.5BA Sat. 2-4 510-814-4816 Harbor Bay Realty Sid Boring	\$795,000 434 Grizzly Peak Blvd Sun 2-4:30 510-868-1481 The Grubb Company
\$229,000 1321 Webster St., D-313 1BD/1BA Sun 2-4 510-303-2525 Alameda Realty Bette Barr	\$439,500 2019 Encinal Ave. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4873 Harbor Bay Realty, Maryann Valentine	\$575,000 3300 Fernside Blvd. 3BD/-BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Main Island 510-865-0668 Kane & Associates Marilyn Oliver	\$929,500 1624 San Antonio Ave 3BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4816 Harbor Bay Realty Sid Boring	\$858,000 923-925 Delaware St Open Sun 2-5 510-280-2139 RED OAK Diane Ohlsson
\$257,500 1437 G Morton Street 2+BD/1BA Sun 2-4 510-814-7818 Harbor Bay Realty Steve Cressy	\$445,000 102 Ironwood Road 2BD/-BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay 510-483-1676 Kane & Associates Krystyna Nowak	\$585,000 1317 East Shore Drive 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4 510-478-1114 Gallagher & Lindsey Pres Ordinario	\$589,000 1053 Peralta Ave 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2110 RED OAK Patrick Leaper	\$875,000 2001 Vine St. --- Open Sun 1-5 510-868-1481 Prudential Berkeley Regional, CA
\$265,000 339 Broadway #308 2BD/1BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-814-4891 Harbor Bay Realty George Muhr	\$449,000 1541 C Santa Clara Ave. 2+BD/2BA Open Sat 2-4 510-814-4800 Harbor Bay Realty Barbara Disalvo	\$589,000 3016 Central Ave. Open Sun-4 Harbor Bay Realty Ginger Schuler	\$649,000 1080 Peralta Ave 4+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 510-527-2700 X32 Marvin Gardens, Richard Morrison	\$899,000 1846 San Ramon Sun 2-4:30 North Berkeley Mountain Better Homes
\$319,000 4000 Agua Vista Street 3BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 510-748-1166 Gallagher & Lindsey Rolando Bassora	\$469,000 522 Santa Clara Avenue 2BD/1.5BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-748-1148 Gallagher & Lindsey Pacita Domacali	\$589,000 3016 Central Ave. Open Sat 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty Ginger Schuler	\$649,000 1080 Peralta Ave 4+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 510-527-2700 X32 Marvin Gardens, Richard Morrison	\$949,000 987 Euclid Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2145 RED OAK Stan Montchey
\$325,000 301 Broadway #210 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair, John Wesley	\$469,000 139 Maitland Dr. 3BD/2BA Open Sat & Sun 2:30-4:30 510-814-4716 Harbor Bay Realty, Lorraine Ingeman	\$595,000 572 Kings Jrd. 3+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 510-814-4839 Harbor Bay Realty Bill Douglas	\$649,000 1080 Peralta Ave 4+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 510-527-2700 X32 Marvin Gardens, Terry Pedersen	\$1,095,000 19 Drury Lane Open Sun 2-4 Claremont Hills Berkeley Hills Realty
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\$389,000 1039 Fontana Dr. 3BD/2.5BA Open Sat 2-4 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty Tom Young	\$475,000 3247 Sterling Ave 2+BD/2BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty Denise Garvine	\$599,000 1014 Regent 3+BD/-BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Main Island 510-273-9444/523-5009 Kane & Associates Uli LiRosi/Sally Han	\$519,000 1424 Josephine 2+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-848-1950 X240 Thornwall Properties, Colleen Larkin	\$1,495,000 1512 West View Dr Open Sun 2-4 Claremont The Grubb Company
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\$395,000 1210 Broadway #B 3BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4 510-747-1620 Gallagher & Lindsey Moon Tam	\$499,000 1916 Sandcreek Way 3BD/2BA Open Sat 2-4 510-912-4845 Harbor Bay Realty Marilyn Pomeroy	\$619,000 51 Sable Pointe 4BD/2.5BA Open Sat 2-4 510-814-4885 Harbor Bay Realty Jeff Goodman	\$537,000 2430 5th Street 1+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union R.E. 510-338-1347 Joanna Gould	\$1,885,000 41 Alvarado Road Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Company
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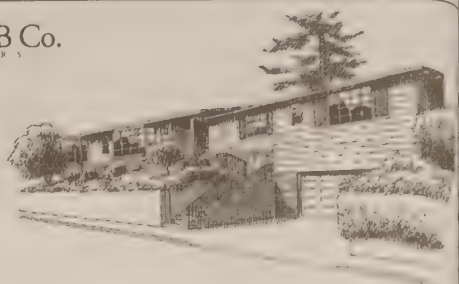
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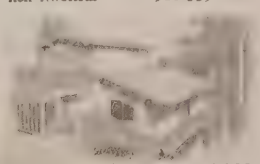
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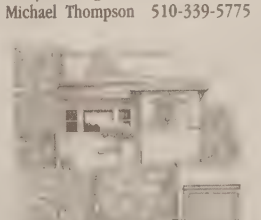
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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Baseball at all levels provides memories

**L**AST WEDNESDAY'S Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League baseball thriller between El Cerrito and Encinal high schools at the latter's Willie Stargell Field produced an extraordinary comeback.

El Cerrito, down 10-1 at one juncture, came back to beat the Jets 14-10. From a fan's perspective, this was baseball at its best, even though a light drizzle fell through most of the game.

A day later, Bishop O'Dowd trounced host San Lorenzo 15-0 despite a hard, cold wind that blew in from right field.

Major League Baseball began its season three weeks ago. The high school season now is half over (the season goes by much too quickly, and the early part of the season gets swallowed by the basketball play-



**MIKE MCGREEHAN**  
Between the Lines

offs). But for one writer, at least, baseball had truly arrived.

Baseball is a game like no other. No other sport holds its history as well as baseball does.

It's fun to reminisce about the great teams of the past. Perhaps that team is the Giants of 1962. Or the Giants that perennially finished second from 1965-69. Or the three World Series titles the A's in 1972, '73 and '74.

Many of us were not around

during the days of the historic Pacific Coast League, which featured the Oakland Oaks and San Francisco Seals. But some of us are fortunate enough to have older relatives or friends to fill us in about those days.

Baseball connects the generations like no other sport. For those of us who are men, the game is a part of us, something that was a part of our childhoods. We look back happily — though perhaps even with a degree of humility — on our days in sandlots and parks.

During high school and summer league seasons, it's never unusual to see the sons of former schoolmates and other acquaintances on the field. Of course, those kids can play other sports, too. But it's during baseball season that at least one writer finds himself more likely to exchange pleas-

antries with the parents.

Perhaps it's baseball's special pace. A person can breathe, can sit back and relax — even when the weather is drizzly and/or cold and windy. Old friends can reacquaint themselves, filling in the gaps between pitches, perhaps keeping score and developing a story line all the while.

The El Cerrito-Encinal and O'Dowd-San Lorenzo game stories seemed to write themselves. The words flowed. Perhaps it was the sheer joy of meeting an old friend again — the game itself.

This month, Bay Area baseball fans celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Giants' first game in San Francisco. And the 35th anniversary of the A's first game in Oakland.

In addition to going to ballparks, we go to libraries to

read more about the game. We check box scores in the newspapers and absorb some of the more interesting features in magazines and other publications.

At the major league level — as is the case for most professional sports these days — the game has become more corporate, the business aspect overshadowing the things that go on between the white lines.

Those moguls, though, can't kill a great sport.

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**PLAY BALL:** Attention, all of you former Lincoln Lions, Edison Indians, Krusi Colts, Godfrey Gophers or whatever Alameda Recreation and Park

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## Gauchos take easy route to big win

**■ El Cerrito dominates St. Mary's in the Alhambra Easter Classic; Ball has winning RBI as Albany tops College Park**

By Bill Kruissink  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School baseball team is on some strange

### PREP BASEBALL

In Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League games last week, the Gauchos (11-3) rallied past Alameda for a 7-6, 10-inning win on April 15. A day later, the Gauchos rallied from a nine-run deficit to top Encinal 14-10.

By comparison, what the Gauchos did to St. Mary's (8-5-1) on Saturday was almost a breather.

Playing in the opening round of the Alhambra Easter Classic, the Gauchos jumped out to a 10-0 lead and cruised to an 11-2 victory.

Behind four innings of one-hit ball from freshman left-hander Mario Hollands (2-1) and three innings of two-hit relief from Tristan Cheever, the Gauchos were in control all the way.

"We're feeling really good right now. Not a lot of teams can beat us," Hollands said.

The Panthers have been as frustrated as the Gauchos have been good.

"The last five or six games we haven't been scoring runs," said St. Mary's outfielder Kenny Griffin, who had two of the Panthers'

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Randy Minix drives the ball for a deep out against Encinal last week.

## Hollands, Roberson tossed off their college teams

**■ USC, Arizona women's basketball teams dismiss the ex-Berkeley teammates**

By Jennifer Starks  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

USC guard Aisha Hollands and Arizona guard Robin Roberson, both former standouts at Berkeley High School, have been dismissed from their teams, it was confirmed last week.

Members of the Trojans' athletic department said Hollands was released for numerous violations of team policies. She has been given the option to stay at USC on scholarship but not be a

part of the team. She also could transfer to another school.

Hollands, the 2000 Times Female Athlete of the Year and Girls Basketball Player of the Year, could not be reached for comment. Team officials said she has yet to decide whether to transfer. The transfer release, a document that enables other programs to communicate with Hollands, was sent to other schools earlier this week.

"This was a very difficult decision to make, though we felt that it was the best decision for the program," USC coach Chris Gobrecht said. "The team and the staff care a great deal for Aisha

and wish her best."

Hollands, a preseason All-America candidate, started 11 games and played in 25 her junior season.

She averaged 12.5 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game.

Those numbers pale in comparison to what she did as a sophomore.

Hollands led the team and was second in the Pac-10 in scoring at 17.6 points per game.

She started 27 of 29 games that year and was named first-team All-Pac-10.

Arizona coach Joan Bonvicini confirmed Roberson's dismissal

but would say only that it was not academically related.

She also said Roberson will remain on campus through the semester.

Roberson could not be reached for comment.

While with the Wildcats, Roberson played in 26 of 31 games but saw little court time this season. She averaged 10.1 minutes per game.

Roberson was first-team All-Times in 2001.

Times staff writer Marcus Thompson II contributed to this story.

## Ruffin lives up to coach's prediction

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

**A**bout a month ago, during a tri-meet between Holy Names, Salesian and host Piedmont, Salesian track and field coach Mike Frankfort was asked if he had an athlete who was worthy of North Coast Section consideration.

The main one, he said was long jumper and triple jumper Brandon Ruffin.

"He could be a good one," Frankfort said, "if he continues to improve."

Well, he has done that. Ruffin is currently the regional leader in the long jump with an effort of 22 feet, 6 inches at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut last weekend.

**OTHER LEADERS:** Jason Bolden-Anderson of St. Mary's continues to hold the region's top mark in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.26 seconds) and the 300 hurdles (39.74). Panthers high jumper Ed Wright had an early-season effort of 6-6 before suffering a broken arm, and that mark continues to lead the event. However, Wright shares it with Roger Francis of De La Salle, who also has achieved 6-6.

**Leon Drummer**, also of St. Mary's, is fourth in the shot put with an effort of 47-2½. Billy Wills of Antioch leads at 52-11½.

**Gabriela Rios-Sotelo** of St. Mary's is second in the region with a time of 5 minutes, 6.10 seconds in the 1,600. Lisa Crampton of Granada leads the region with a time of 4:57.27.

**Chandra Johnson** of Salesian is fifth in the shot put with a mark of 35-5½. **Jere Summers** of Berkeley leads in this event with a put of 41-9.

**BASKETBALL**  
**ST. JOSEPH TO CHOOSE NEW COACH:** The application deadline for the St. Joseph Notre Dame boys basketball coaching opening ended April 11. Athletic director Dan Curry said "11 or 12" applications have been received and initial screening will start the last week of April. Curry hopes that a decision will be made sometime in the first two weeks of May.

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## Crosse experience pays off for Yellow Jackets

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

Crosse is growing as a high sport, but Berkeley High's boys team is remaining

steady, which had a boys team for 18 years before was sanctioned as a high sport by the California Interscholastic Federation for the season is 10-1 this season in the Bay Area Confer-

ence. "We had a great lacrosse team for the past 12 years at Berkeley High, so there is a level of experience every year in the playoffs," Berkeley coach Brownlow said.

### PREP LACROSSE

The Yellow Jackets' program has been strong even longer than 12 years. In 1989, the squad won a state championship as a club team.

Berkeley hopes to rise to similar heights this season. If experience is a key to success, the Yellow Jackets have that in abundance. Berkeley has seven senior starters and 13 seniors on the 27-player roster.

"Senior leadership makes or breaks a team — the example they set in practice, hustle, dedication," Brownlow said.

Julian Coffman, a senior mid-

fielder, has size and shooting ability.

"He's a left-hander and he just has a cannon of a shot," Brownlow said.

Cameron Sampson is another tall, talented player for the Yellow Jackets.

"He's so fast and so big, he can go through people," Brownlow said.

Senior Owen Goldstrom's combination of size and outstanding footwork makes him an excellent defender. He also was named the Times Defensive Player of the Year in football for 2002.

"Everything that makes him a great football player transfers to

the lacrosse field," Brownlow said.

Senior goalie Monty Carlson is also a standout.

"He can consistently stop point-blank shots," Brownlow said.

But Berkeley doesn't just have talented seniors. Brownlow said that junior midfielder Sam Geller is "definitely one of the best players on the West Coast." Geller had scored three goals, including two in the fourth quarter, in a 10-8 nonleague win over Foothill.

"He's a hard worker," Brownlow said. "He is definitely a student of the game."

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STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

BERKELEY HIGH'S Julian Coffman, left, is a senior midfielder who is among the reasons the Yellow Jackets are 10-1 this season.



## ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## Micro Division

In the first split-squad games of the season, the Jane Hammond Events Stingers, Andronico's Volcanoes and Autumn Press Dolphins ABGSL Micro Division teams played some great softball.

Opposing the Volcanoes, Emma Jordan led off for the Stingers with a line drive, followed by a hit by Maeve Regis, another hit by Maggie Gallagher and one by Hannah Herman.

The Volcanoes also exhibited some good offense and defense. In the third inning, the Volcanoes' Nora Kilian hit a line drive past the infield. Volcanoes player Sophie Green made a strong throw to Talia Rossi in the fifth inning who in turn made a great catch at first base.

Meanwhile at the main diamond, the split-squad Volcanoes team and the opposing Dolphins showed their stuff. Notable batting included a line drive by the Volcanoes Mikaela Bernhardt and a hit by Dolphin Sofia Sinheimer. Volcano Hannah Bashevkin and Dolphin Molly Cohen each played some fine defense covering first base for their teams during the final inning.

## Younger Division

Red Oak Realty Red Rockets 31, On The Beam Dolphins 30: Red Rocket Rachel Burns, who along with Nelle Gray were guest players with the Red Rockets, provided some fine

defense, scooping up grounders at the pitcher's mound. Jennifer Neumann and Cory Labov's defensive work also helped limit the Dolphins' runs in each inning while Barbara McCray slammed two doubles securing a strong lead through the fourth inning.

The Rockets' lead was clipped to one run in the fifth as Dolphins' Francis Whitty dived into the dirt to stop a hard grounder. Pitcher Kate Moore then stopped a runner with a clean throw to Lena Nitsan on first. Nitsan grabbed two more grounders for outs at first and a three-out finish.

Alliance Graphics Giants 20, Mighty Molars 10: The Giants' defense prevented the Molars from scoring in two of the four innings. In the top of the second inning, Clara Ostfeld fielded and threw to Morgan Rose at third for the first out. Annie Smith adeptly fielded the ball near first base and got the third out.

In the top of the third inning, Katy Luna made an excellent play at first for a critical out. In the top of the fourth inning, Leah Henry got three batters out in quick succession at first base.

The Molars also had some excellent defensive plays. Pitcher Staci Apodaca fielded well in the first inning. Lindsay Baker made a superb play in which she caught a fly ball and then threw to second to com-

plete the double play. Sasha Kramer, Jenna Guffy and Mia Juaregui had good defensive plays in the bottom of the fourth.

Dr. Brehnan's Canines 23, Redmond Jones Bulldogs 13: A deluge of singles-hitting from both teams formed the base of a game that was decided by the defense. Alexandra Spencer-Wong hit a double in the fourth inning for the Canines. Sadie Oliver-Gray doubled for the Bulldogs in the fourth.

The Canines' Spencer-Wong threw for two outs to Julie Moorad at second in the first inning, and the registered three putouts at first from Moorad in the fifth. Other key plays involved pitcher Elise Hartinger, pitcher Anansa Ridley, and Marina Pickeral at first. For the Bulldogs, two outs at first base by Madeleine Salem in the second, quick defensive moves by Sophie Mongoven for outs at second base in the fifth inning, and good defense by Irene Evans helped prevent things from getting out of hand.

## Middle Division

Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi and Ung Perilous Penguins 6, Ginzberg Video Production Sting Rays 4: Annelise Dohrer opened for the Penguins, pitching two scoreless innings in a game that began as a pitchers' duel but later turned into a hitting contest. Zoe Pollock started a rally with a hard-hit ball down the middle, eventu-

ally scoring on a hit by Lily Meryash. With the bases loaded, Katya Schoenberg hit a single to score two runs. Among the many great defensive plays, Sarah Madden scooped up a hard grounder and with a quick throw to first got the runner out to retire the side.

Sting Rays' pitcher Hannah Port threw two no-hit innings. Sasha Ginzberg hit two doubles and scored two runs. Zoe Oliver-Gray led the defense by catching a pop fly in the first inning. Taylor Ivancich made a key force out at second by fielding the ball and tagging the base. Emma Mongoven fielded a grounder and successfully made the out at first.

Nolo Sharks 8, Sweet Potatoes Cheetahs 7: The evenly-matched Nolo Sharks and Sweet Potatoes Cheetahs battled it out at Codornices Field. Cheetahs player Carol Sturgeon smacked one into the outfield for a first-inning double for one RBI, then teammate Sabrina Khan kept the Sharks at bay in the bottom half, tagging the lead runner out at third for the last out.

The second inning belonged to the Sharks. Caitlin Taffe caught a fly ball and leapt onto first base to double off the runner. Shortstop Lili Hubbard snagged a pop fly with a backhand catch for the third out. At bat, Kelsey Fredriksen doubled deep to left. Kelly Johnson batted in a run with a single and Jimena Zavaleta hit

a deep fly ball over the outfielder's head for an inside-the-park home run.

In the third inning, the single-and-RBI combos for Sweet Potatoes were made by Sturgeon, Christie Manning, Eliza Stuber and Angelina Herrera. The Nolo half of the inning was highlighted by doubles from Jenna Archer and Fredriksen. In the bottom of the fifth, the Cheetahs' Kuman Chadra contained the damage making a nice catch in center field.

Zonta Claus 12, Friedman Brueggemeyer Tigers 4: The flying Zonta Clauses shone on defense this sunny day highlighted by three putouts in the first by first baseman Hannah Guletz. Rookie Maria Price-Hanson turned in a brilliant pitching job. A single by Zoe Fiddler was followed by a triple by Megan Tokunaga. In all, eight Zonta Clauses got hits.

Tigers player Izzy Mayer started her team off by leading off with a double. She stole second and scored when Rose Tantrano-Sato drove her home. Michaela Bathrick fielded a hard grounder to get an unassisted out at first. Roz Batnick answered the challenge by scooping a crucial grounder and throwing to first baseman Sarah Kator for the out.

## Older Division

Jesus Union Construction Fillies 10, Pinn Chiropractic Baseboners 10:

Baseboner pitchers Rachael sky and Adrianna Stevens batters into the last inning but paid off for the Fillies as they came back. Fillies' Nina Gordon, Hannah Pollack, Kristen Bae, Zoe Siegel all scored after walks in the bottom of the fifth. Pitchers Shelby LaRocca, Keegan-Rodewald and Pinn the Baseboners to just over the first inning.

## Interleague Games

Black, Brown, Lanier, and Piranhas 9, Strategic Economics 3: Laura Cannon and Padilla scored two runs for Piranhas in the first inning. hashi showed speed and base running, scoring the first run at the bottom of the first inning. Designated runner Koff stole home for the Hornets and run. Hornets pitcher scored her team's third run. In the fifth inning, Phillip Kline's hit to right legged. Lisa Richardson's run enabled the Piranhas to score. Piranhas shortstop La non made several plays to prevent the Hornets from scoring. Joan Cannon hit a two-run homer in the seventh. Piranhas later scored. Sophie Kline's Piranhas' final run.

## Baseball

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three hits. El Cerrito loaded the bases twice in the top of the first but managed to score just two runs. After St. Mary's starter Tyler Larson retired the Gauchos on one hit in the second, El Cerrito went to work in the third.

Kevin Stewart, who had replaced Randy Minix after Minix sprained an ankle in the first, ripped the first pitch he saw to deep center field for a double.

Eleven batters later, El Cerrito had pushed across eight more runs and had a 9-0 lead. The rally featured RBI singles by Kevin Webster and Josh Harvey but profited from four Panthers errors. Nation exited midway through the inning and Alex Jensen (1-3) finished out the game for St. Mary's.

Meanwhile, Hollands was in charge on the hill. Changing speeds and with good location, he tossed three no-hit innings, facing just 10 batters, before yielding a leadoff double to Kenny Griffin in the fourth.

Griffin came around to score, but he was the only run to score against Hollands.

## McGreehan

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Department team you might have played on way back when.

Red Bridge Media, a digital video production company based in Moraga, will produce a documentary on the ARPD youth baseball program that ran from 1956 through 1980.

Red Bridge Media founding partner Kin Robles, an Alameda native and 30-year resident of the city, is himself an ARPD alumnus. Robles plans to start shooting the project, entitled "Playball," in May.

Robles plans to break the documentary into four segments: 1956-59, 1960-64, 1965-69 and 1970-80. He hopes to interview former players and says the project will rely on photos, home movies, newsclippings and other memorabilia.

Robles is looking for as many former players as possible. Former ARPD players interested in sharing their stories and memorabilia can contact Robles at 925-759-2090.

"Playball!" tentatively will air in the fall, perhaps as early as September, on Alameda ca-

Hollands said the lead his team had amassed helped his cause.

"I didn't have to throw as hard — just let them hit it," he said. Hollands fanned four and walked two.

"He was just mixing up his pitches and hitting his spots," Griffin said.

Cheever proved almost as hard to hit as Hollands. He gave up a run in the sixth and faced a bases-loaded situation in the seventh before getting Andy Larson to fly to right for the final out.

**Albany 7, College Park 6:** Matt Ball earned the win in relief in his first pitching appearance of the season and also delivered the game-winning single in the bottom of the eighth inning in an Alhambra Easter Classic first-round game.

Ball pitched the final 2½ innings, allowing no hits or walks and striking out three.

His single up the middle with no outs in the eighth scored Doug Fish. Fish led off with a single and went to second on a wild pitch. Eddie Izumazaki reached on an infield error to put runners on second and third, setting up Ball's game-winning.

Robert Diaz went 2-for-4 with four RBI for the Cougars (12-2).

ble TV.

"Playball!" sounds like a fun program that will bring back a lot of memories.

**IN MEMORIAM:** On a sadder note, Patrick J. O'Hern, a longtime figure in East Bay softball circles, died April 12 at age 56. No cause of death was disclosed.

An attorney by training, O'Hern worked for the Federal Regulatory Administration, the Department of Energy and since 1983, Lawrence Livermore Lab. But the 1973 Boalt School of Law graduate was better known as a softball dad here.

During the old Oakland Bobby Sox season, we at Hills Newspapers could always count on Pat O'Hern to send the league write-ups in a timely manner. We would receive information on Head-Royce School softball through Pat, too.

Pat's daughter, Maureen, pitched for both the Oakland Bobby Sox and Head-Royce. Maureen O'Hern currently is a freshman at Princeton University, where her father completed his undergraduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy in 1969.

My colleague Scott Strain and I never met Pat O'Hern

Chris Bowker was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored to lead College Park (4-8).

**Berkeley 12, Hercules 10:** Both teams brought their offense to this ACCAL game at Hercules on April 18, but the Yellow Jackets defense clamped down just in time to get the win despite a late wrinkle in the plan.

Berkeley pitcher Sean Souders was one strike away from ending the game with the Titans (2-8, 1-6 ACCAL) having runners on first and second.

Moellering went to the mound "discuss the situation" with Souders. It turned out to be his fourth trip of the game to the mound, so Moellering had to pull Souders. He brought in Mike Durant. After two pitches, Durant completed the strikeout and secured the win for Berkeley (7-7, 1-3-4).

Buddy Ruddy led the Titans offense by going 3-for-4 with two doubles and three runs scored. James Allen went 2-for-4 with three RBI and J.T. Cruz added two hits and two RBI for Hercules.

Eddie Pickett doubled for Berkeley and scored a run, finishing 2-for-4 along with teammate Jon Smith, who scored two runs.

personally, but we spoke with him from time to time over the phone. If an e-mail transmission glitched — as e-mails are known to do at times — Pat was always happy to resend the information. He was most cooperative and pleasurable. Most important, he was highly committed to the kids who played in the league.

Pat O'Hern had been ill for many years, but his dedication to girls softball never wavered. Pat never spoke of his illness. Last year, he even served as a coach for the East Bay Bears 16-and-under softball team.

O'Hern also was instrumental in helping Oakland Bobby Sox transform itself into the Amateur Softball Association-affiliated Oakland Girls Softball League this year.

"He was the glue that kept things together, the gas that kept things running," fellow coach and Oakland Bobby Sox board member Bob Klinester said.

In addition to his daughter, Pat O'Hern is survived by his wife, Patricia Brody-O'Hern.

Pat O'Hern is remembered for his dedication and love for softball. He is missed by the Oakland Girls Softball League and those who knew him.

## Lacrosse

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Geller has started since his freshman year. The Yellow Jackets also have a outstanding freshman this season in Jonathan Jarden.

Bishop O'Dowd, Berkeley, Piedmont and University-San Francisco form one division of

## ACCAL

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two big wins. He won the 100-yard freestyle in 1:01.21 and the 100 backstroke in 1:13.51.

On the girls side, the Jets beat the Spartans 59-30 and bested De Anza 70-14.

Noni Flores won two

the BAC. The other division includes Head Royce, College Prep, Lick-Wilmerding-San Francisco, Stuart Hall-San Francisco and Marin Academy-San Rafael.

Boys lacrosse is as popular as ever at Berkeley, which has 35 players on its junior varsity team.

Don't assume that the freshmen are neophytes, however. There are club teams in Berkeley for sixth- through eighth-

events, starting with the 200 individual medley in 2:29.32 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:15.21. Simone Smith matched Flores' effort with two wins of her own. She won the 500 freestyle in 5:47.60 and the 100 backstroke in 1:14.33.

Encinal also won the three relay events. The team of Smith, Flores, Stephanie Yu

graders, Brownlow said.

"When I played volleyball, guys started playing their freshman year," he said.

"Now we see guys into their freshman year or three years' experience."

It looks like the strong Berkeley boys teams isn't going to end

and Loni Molina won medley relay in 2:08.53. Leah Ablanap, Marissa Yu and Grace Lui took freestyle relay in 2:05.00.

Finally, the team of Molina, Flores and Smith won the 400 freestyle relay in 4:34.46.

## BSAL

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**HOWARD RETIRES FROM COACHING:** Bob Howard, a name synonymous with basketball at St. Elizabeth, is leaving coaching after 42 years, 35 of them at St. Liz. He will continue as athletic director and as a teacher at the East Oakland school. Howard had a cancerous kidney removed just before the 2002-2003 season started and turned the boys team over to Warren Winters.

Howard's best team was in 1996 when the Mustangs won the state CIF Division V cham-

ampionship with a victory over Montclair Prep-Van Nuys at Arco Arena in Sacramento. St. Elizabeth went 31-4 that year.

**VOLLEYBALL** Berkeley girls volleyball coach Justin Caraway, who coached the Yellow Jackets to a North Coast Division I championship in 2001, has been hired by St. Mary's High School as its girls coach.

"The fan support is huge (at St. Mary's). Girls volleyball is really on the rise," Caraway said.

Caraway's teams at Berkeley went undefeated for three straight seasons in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic

League. The Yellow Jackets to Castro Valley in the round of the NCS Division I playoffs in 2002.

St. Mary's defeated Mont twice in the BSAL semifinals under first-year coach Cherise Revell. Signed a year-to-year contract at St. Mary's, as do all at the school, according to athletic director Dennis

"She did us a huge stepping in at the last and filling in this year," said Revell.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this notebook

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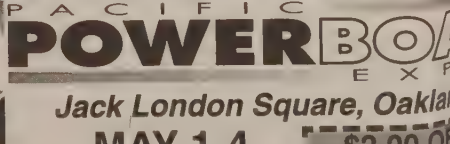
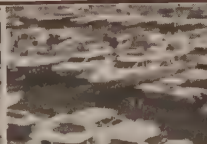
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# Arts

## Jazz ensemble set for overseas tour

■ The Berkeley High musicians will hold a fundraiser for a European trip that will begin with the Vienne Festival in France

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

If there were a Major League of Jazz Music, Berkeley High might be the most highly recruited school in the country. Charles Hamilton's Jazz Ensemble has seen the likes of Joshua Redman, David Murray, Kito Gamble and Peter Apfelbaum pass through its ranks, and this year's lineup won a prize that has eluded the group for a dozen years: The coveted first place at the Monterey Jazz Festival's national high school competition.

"Not to say we haven't had good bands," said director Hamilton, in his 21st year at the helm. "But this year was finally our turn."

The group will take its playing to the next level on a small European tour this summer, part of which will be funded by a benefit Sunday at Hs Lordships at the Berkeley Marina.

The ensemble's dedicated parents support group organized the fund-raiser.

Many parents are quick to recognize Hamilton's easygoing leadership as a key to the musicians' success.

"He is really laid-back and lets the kids move in the direction they want to go," said Diane Gerstler, whose son Eli Rosenberg (tenor saxophone) is among Hamilton's charges. "He involves the kids in discussions and picks very complex and interesting music, which suits Berkeley High."

Hamilton concurred on the special song selection. "They're playing music that they feel really good about," he said. Citing a Charles Mingus piece, "Fables of Faubus," which lampoons the notorious Arkansas desegregation-era governor, Hamilton noted how excited the young jazzers were about the meaning in the music. "They love the



BERKELEY HIGH'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE won first place in the high school competition at this year's Monterey Jazz Festival.

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble concert and benefit brunch

**WHERE:** Hs Lordships, Berkeley Marina

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**TICKETS:** \$30, \$18 for children 11 and under. E-mail: lorj54@aol.com, telephone 510-527-8245.

Limited tickets will be available at the door.

piece, its history and message," he said.

Their zeal for the music, combined with a high talent level, wowed the judges' panel in Monterey.

"The band played with such authority and confidence," Hamilton said. "That's what you have to do (to win), play a command performance."

He singled out trumpeters Sean Erick and Rafa Post as outstanding, but he wasn't alone in

that assessment: The duo will head to Japan as part of the Monterey competition's all-star band.

It is through an arduous selection process and a good deal of self-discipline that Berkeley High's group scales the heights every year, placing highly in national competitions — last year at Monterey, for example, they finished second. Within the larger ensemble, members form smaller combos, where more experienced players such as Erick and Post take the lead.

"They are playing such complex music, which is a real step up for kids coming into band," Gerstler said.

The audition process winnows the players down to a core group of 27, plus a handful of alternates. Like trying out for a top athletic team, it takes some talent and hard work to win a place.

"Once you get in, there's a certain level of playing," Gerstler said.

For the price of a concert ticket at Sunday's benefit, attendees will get lunch and performances by two jazz combos, as

well as the entire ensemble.

See's Candy and other donors like the Fourth Street Merchants help to sweeten the pot for the ensemble, which requires a \$70,000 operating budget during years involving international travel. Sales of the group's two CDs (available at [www.berkeleyhighjazz.org](http://www.berkeleyhighjazz.org)), as well as local concerts, add to the travel kitty.

As part of a international tradition begun in 1997, the group will first play at France's Vienne Festival.

Hamilton noted the historical import of the event. "Count Basie and Duke Ellington have played that festival," he said. The group then heads for the Swiss Alps and the Montreux Jazz Festival, where they've been invited previously. But it's not just a stamp on a passport, said Hamilton. It's something the kids will never forget.

"We get to perform for an international audience, but we also get to hear great music," he said. "It's going to be a lifetime experience, enriching their personal and musical lives."

## 'Eugene Onegin' debuts at Julia Morgan Theatre

BERKELEY OPERA opens its 2003 season tonight at Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., with the first of six performances of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Curtain time is 8 p.m. for the performance of this English translation by David Lloyd-Jones.

"Eugene Onegin" is based on Aleksandr Pushkin's long, Byronic love story of the same name that the Russian poet started in 1823 and didn't complete until 1831. Although written in verse, it has been described as the first great Russian novel.

Tchaikovsky took the story of the naive Tatiana, a country girl full of romantic ideas, who falls for Onegin, a smug, wealthy city youth, and turned it into the first of several operas and ballets he composed during his richest productive period beginning in 1878.

Bittersweet in its on-again, off-again intimacy and emotional depth, "Eugene Onegin" is the most popular and most performed of Russian operas. Alternating in the role of Tatiana are Jillian Khuner and Lanier McNab, and as her sister, Olga, are Cary Ann Horvath and Clea Nemetz. Alternating in the title role of Eugene Onegin are Joe Kinyon and Jo Vincent Parks.

The production is directed by Mark Shreshinsky. Music director and conductor is Jonathan Khuner, assisted by Jason Sherbundy.

Performances continue Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and conclude next weekend, May 2, 3 and 4 at the same times.

Tickets are \$38 general; \$33 for seniors and \$16 for the handicapped and youths 17 and under. Full-time students with ID may purchase unsold seats 20 minutes prior to curtain time for \$10 at the door. Regular tickets are available at the Willows Theatre Box Office by calling 925-798-1300.

**OPT: MILLS SWAN**



JACK TUCKER  
Community Theater

**SONG:** Two years ago, Oakland Public Theater began its residency at Mills College with an inaugural production keyed to Mother's Day. With comfy, apple-pie felicity, OPT rang in the proud event under the cozy come-on invitation to "Bring Your Mama."

Alas, times being what they are economically, this Mother's Day season marks a swan-song production, due to the impending closure of the theater department at Mills.

But artistic director Norman Gee and company have not abandoned the slogan and its reward.

"Bring Your Mama III," a production of playwright Kim Merrill's "Finding Claire," will open for two weekends on May 2 at the college.

After that, the show moves to San Francisco's Theatre Rhino Studio for two more weekends, May 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

"Bring a photo of you and Mom to any Mother's Day weekend performance, May 9, 10 and 11, and both of you get in for \$20. Regular tickets are \$12-15, sliding scale. Call 510-534-9529.

The show plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, with a special 2 p.m. Saturday matinee on May 24.

Performances at Mills are in Lissner Hall, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. Theatre Rhino Studio is at 16th Street and South Van Ness, San Francisco.

"Finding Claire" is the story of Rachel, an adult adoptee searching for her birth mother. In this reverse-Cinderella tale, she seeks a different kind of "happily ever after" ending in trying to reconcile her plush



TATIANA, played by Lanier McNab, tells Eugene Onegin, played by Joe Kinyon, that she cannot betray her husband in Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," which can be seen at Julia Morgan Theatre.

upbringing with three generations of hard women. Tracy Ward is directing.

This fall, Oakland Public Theater resumes its nomadic status with "Master Harold and the Boys," playing at the Metro Theatre in downtown Oakland near Jack London Square.

**AE GOES OUTDOORS:** Auditions for "The Bacchae," one of Euripides' most poetically beautiful but thematically difficult plays, will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley on Monday and Tuesday at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman.

By appointment only. Call the director, David Stein, at 415-320-2627 or e-mail to [aef@berkeley@yahoo.com](mailto:aef@berkeley@yahoo.com) to request a date and time. Auditioners should prepare a 2-3 minute classic monologue for presentation.

Performances will be late afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays from June 21 through July 6 outdoors at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park.

There are roles for two males ages 20-30; one male 25-35; two males 55-plus, and four females 20-30. This is a non-AEA community theater production.

**UNSHAGGY DOG STORY:** Ever the soul of gallantry, hopefully, even under abominably trying circumstances, I would never refer to an actress as a "dog." Unless. And this is one of those times.

Kelly, a real dog of an actress, and her personal trainer, Lisa Reagan, are scheduled to arrive in Marin on May 10. They have accommodations at the Holiday Inn in Mill Valley.

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### EVENTS

#### EXHIBITS

**BERKELEY ART CENTER** — "The 11th Annual Berkeley Youth Arts Festival," through May 11. An artistic celebration for the youth of the Berkeley Unified School District. It includes a visual art exhibition of painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, photography, mixed media and multimedia projects. There also is a Performances feature, with poetry readings, dance, music recitals and drama performances. In addition, there will be workshops on constructing musical instruments, drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets. Free.

"Demystifying Shakespeare Workshop," April 26, noon to 2 p.m. This class is nothing like your English class at school. Join Erin Merritt, from Woman's Will Shakespeare Company, to learn the real facts about William Shakespeare. For ages 10 to 14.

"Building Experimental Musical Instruments from Salvaged Materials Workshop," April 27, noon to 2 p.m. Youth Concert, April 27, 3 p.m. Berkeley Art Center and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts are joining talents for this performance.

John Oliver Simon and Students, April 30, 6 p.m. Simon and students from Cragmont, Hawthorne and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools will read and discuss their poetry in English and Spanish.

Music and Dance, May 3, 3 p.m. A performance by Betty Ladzekpo and Berkeley Arts Magnet West African Dance, Chris Brague and the Berkeley Arts Magnet Percussion Ensemble, and Shaedah Deal and Dancers from Willard Middle School and Malcolm X. "Studies from Nature," May 3, noon to 2 p.m. Learn about the complexity of nature while learning to draw it. A workshop with artist Olga Segal, for ages 10 to 14.

"Exploring Clay, Inventing Creatures," May 4, noon to 2 p.m. A workshop for ages 5 to 10, led by artist Joel Mesnikoff.

"Dance and Rhythm of India," May 4, 3 p.m. Directed by Purima Jha and students from Thousand Oaks Elementary and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, 510-644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org)

**CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER** — "Hot Sake: A Rush of Art to the Head," closing May 2. A collaborative exhibition of new work from Creative Growth artists, artists with disabilities from Japan and visiting artist Etsuka Ishikura. Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and by appointment. 355 24th St., Oakland, 510-836-2340 or [www.creativegrowth.org](http://www.creativegrowth.org).

**EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS** — "Plane Truths," through June 29. An exhibit featuring 10 artists with works of mixed media, prints, photography, painting and sculpture. Free. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-0348.

**GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION** — EXHIBITS — "Centennial Exhibition of Korean-American Churches," closing April 30. The exhibit includes historical and cultural records as well as artifacts belonging to first generation Korean immigrants and Korean-American church organizations.

"The Sorrows of War," through May 31. An exhibition of prints by Kathe Kollwitz, with German Expressionists Otto Dix, George Grosz and Erich Heckel. Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 510-649-2400 or [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu).

**HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY** — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongoing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland, 510-530-4590.

**KALA ART INSTITUTE** — "Grabado sin Fronteras/Printmaking Without Borders," through May 16. An exchange exhibit featuring over 50 printmakers from the Kala Institute and the Estamparia of Quito, Ecuador. The exhibit is concurrently showing at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, 510-549-2977 or [www.kala.org](http://www.kala.org) or [www.aguafuerte.org](http://www.aguafuerte.org).

**LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE** — "Playing With Time," closing May 1. In this highly interactive exhibit, you can watch yourself move in slow motion and control speed. Observe and interpret movements the human eye cannot see. \$8 general; \$6 seniors, disabled, and youth ages 5 through 18; \$4 children ages 3 to 4; free for children under 3. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-5132 or [www.lawrence-hallsofscience.org](http://www.lawrence-hallsofscience.org).

**MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM** — "MFA Exhibition 2003," April 25 through May 25. An exhibit by the students in Mills College's Master's program, including artists from New York, Spain, Israel and Iceland. Unconventional and classic art forms are represented in this show. Reception, May 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Our Neighborhood



ROCKRIDGE'S MARKET HALL is a landmark near the BART station and houses several retail stores.



CHRISTIANSON HELLER GALLERY has a diverse selection of art and home accessories.

## Rockridge has friendly atmosphere and a distinctive variety of stores

BY ERIN REDING  
CORRESPONDENT

A visitor to Oakland's Rockridge district could easily mistake his surroundings for a small European neighborhood. Residents of the area have managed to find a place where they can eat, shop and live all within a few square blocks. Shoppers greet each other with hugs instead of handshakes and store owners recognize patrons not only by their names, but also by the names of their pets.

Nestled at the foot of the Oakland and Berkeley hills, the Rockridge district of Oakland encompasses the shops, restaurants and homes clustered around College Avenue between Broadway and Alcatraz Avenue.

### Easy access

Because BART is centrally located in Rockridge, the area is a convenient stop for most Bay Area residents. Visitors, commuters and residents alike are able to step out of the BART station and walk down the street to do their shopping without having to get into their cars.

Rockridge typifies one-stop shopping. The accumulation of restaurants, gift shops, art galleries, jewelers, clothing stores and coffee

shops, has created a well-rounded and accessible shopping destination.

"I come to Rockridge to get everything I need," says longtime Berkeley resident Whitney Rice. "I can get my produce, coffee, new shoes and maybe even a new car-pet all in one place."

Other patrons appreciate the diverse shops. Each store offers something a little different. For example, the concentration of art galleries in Rockridge does not decrease the originality of the art that they produce.

"In a time when Starbucks seems to rule the world, Rockridge

is great because they are no chains," says San Francisco native Eryk Gettell. "I like shopping at places where I don't feel like I am helping corporations dominate."

One of the first places a person should visit in Rockridge is the Christianson Heller Gallery. The gallery, which offers fine arts, crafts

and jewelry, has been in the area for over 10 years. The items in the gallery are made by over 250 craftspeople, artists and jewelers located all over the United States.

The gallery is especially unique because of the diverse selection of items. Turquoise rings and gold necklaces share a shelf with bronze sculptures. Clocks with bright pink lighting are on the same wall as a lamp with sculpted animals climbing up its base. Neon colored, glass jellyfish hang from the ceiling of the gallery, tempting shoppers to reach out and touch the dangling legs.

Most importantly, Jan Christensen, the gallery's owner, prides herself on the personal relationships she maintains with both her customers and the craftspeople whose art she displays.

"I know pretty much everyone and I feel invested in their lives," says Christensen as she waves at a passerby. "I love this business because I love my customers."

Christensen is also actively involved in community affairs in Rockridge. She sits on the advisory board for Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency which partners up with non profit organizations to raise money and hire unemployed or lower income groups for neighbor-

hood jobs like street cleaning. "What's special about this area is that businesses get acknowledgment that your abilities extend beyond your job," says Christensen.

Just across the street from the Christianson Heller Gallery is the Filis Gallery, a new to the neighborhood photograph gallery is famous for its displays of photographs by artists and Roy Barloga.

Cement floors, walls of bright ceiling lighting and a window in the front create a bright, vibrant gallery's interior is simple, uncluttered, directing the attention to the artwork on the walls.

Photographs of Venetian canals, cityscapes, and rural landscapes are interspersed with local subjects like trees which dot the county's hillsides.

Dennis Barloga, who owns the gallery, produces color photographs.

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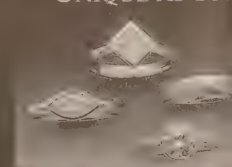
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## Rockridge

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Roy Barloga, produces black and white photographs. The two men work together on their collection of colored, vintage signs.

Artists tend to concentrate on a single subject matter, how much an artist has a distinct style. Barloga uses more traditional means of developing while Barloga often utilizes the digital.

Contrast to many galleries, the fact of the fact that customers are to meet with and speak to the artist who created the art they are viewing. Patrons are able to go to the source with questions about the art.

Barloga et Fils Gallery and the Christensen Gallery are just two of the art galleries in Rockridge. As a result, art connoisseurs and casual viewers alike can enjoy the abundance of high quality art in a small geographic area. One of the reasons we chose Rockridge as the location for our was because of the proliferation of galleries in the area," says Roy Barloga.

Beginning in May, the four galleries will extend their hours on Friday evenings. The galleries' owners hope that visitors will enjoy the opportunity to stroll through the showrooms on warm summer evenings as part of a miniature "open studios." Champagne, strawberries, and beautiful art may be the perfect way to kick off a summer weekend.

Farther down on College Avenue, toward Alcatraz Avenue, is a women's clothing store called Ovation. A mainstay in Rockridge, the store has been in the neighborhood for almost twenty years.

With large windows in the front of the store showcasing brightly colored clothing and accessories, the casual shopper cannot avoid the temptation of entering. Ovation offers a diverse range of clothing. It is a store where mothers and daughters can come and shop together. The store primarily stocks clothing made for women ages twenty five to fifty five so that there is something for almost everyone.

"We get everything from girls shopping for their prom to mothers of the bride," says Ovation's manager Clara Petit.

In addition to Ovation's primary line of clothing, it recently opened a bridal salon above the store called The Wedding Party. While it does not sell bridal gowns, it has many choices of bridesmaid and flower girl dresses.

Because of its longevity, the store has established itself as one of the foremost places to purchase clothing in the East Bay. Like most establishments in Rockridge, the salespeople at Ovation typically know the customers who frequent the store.

Whether to shop, browse, or simply chat about the latest news around town, customers are always warmly greeted by the employees at Ovation. The store prides itself on providing a "no pressure" shopping environment.

Stores like Ovation know the importance of maintaining good customer relations in a place like Rockridge. Residents of the neighborhood often recommend stores to their friends who do not live in the immediate area. As a result, word of mouth is the primary source of business. "Patrons in Rockridge are very loyal," says Petit. "If they find you and like you, they'll keep coming back."

In addition to loyal customers, businesses in the area are equally supportive of each other. For example, during Ovation's recent trunk show, the bakery next door brought out pastries for customers while the local florist provided floral arrangements.



PETE ERWIN/SPECIAL SECTIONS

LOOT ANTIQUES offers a seminar for people who want to learn more about the art of floral design. Classes filled up so fast they are planning to offer more in the fall.

Noteworthy restaurants are not hard to find in Rockridge. Garibaldi's is just one of the neighborhood's premier eateries. Located on College Avenue for almost six years, it draws clientele from all over the Bay Area.

The interior decoration of Garibaldi's creates an elegant and sophisticated atmosphere that maintains a sense of comfort and coziness. Low lights are matched with mirrors and small table lamps while large indoor plants add to the Mediterranean ambience.

Garibaldi's boasts a full bar and a large, wood burning oven which produces the ultimate thin crust pizza. When possible, Chef Julia Drori only purchases organic vegetables and free-range chicken. As a result, Garibaldi's food is consistently of the highest quality.

Despite the fact that the restaurant can seat almost one hundred and fifty guests, Garibaldi's has stayed true to its commitment of being a neighborhood restaurant.

Servers and hostesses know their customers and the customers themselves always seem to run into friends and neighbors when sitting down to dine.

"The atmosphere is very friendly," says manager Jane Daily. "This is a place where you can go to get a great meal and also have a great time. The bar is always lively and the food is always consistent."

Garibaldi's also offers valet parking which, in a neighborhood where an empty parking place is virtually unheard of, is an added luxury.

Since Garibaldi's opened its doors in 1997, many other fine restaurants have followed suit, making Rockridge the perfect place to get anything from a quick bite on the run, to a sit-down dinner for a special occasion.

"Since we've opened, we have brought more and more people to the neighborhood and more restaurants have opened," says Daily. "It's good for everyone because it brings more revenue to the Rockridge area."

The influx of new restaurants has not created the cut-throat, competitive environment one might expect. Instead, the restaurants frequently recommend other places to eat and encourage their customers to taste

everything Rockridge has to offer. In between meals, a visitor to Rockridge should be sure to peek inside Pavé, a neighborhood jewelry store specializing in custom made pieces.

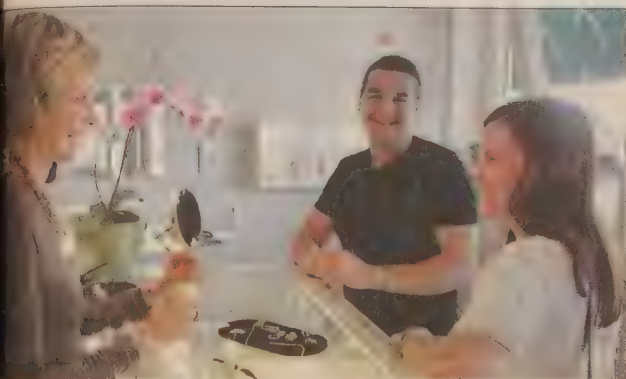
Over 70 percent of the jewelry at Pavé is custom made. If a customer wants a piece that they can't find in the store, Pavé's jewelers will discuss the buyer's alternatives with them, sketch the possibilities, and then create it. Because shopping at Pavé is usually a multi-step process, the store's employees have a chance to genuinely get to know their customers.

The fact that Pavé's employees make the jewelry themselves, eliminates any type of middleman which is an advantage for customers who are able to tell the artist exactly what they want.

Oftentimes, engaged couples choose Pavé as the place to purchase their rings so that they might make the whole experience more personal and sentimental by designing the rings themselves.

Shopping for jewelry is often an intimidating and high pressure experience. Customers tend to feel daunted by large jewelry stores. The people at Pavé recognize those

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JEWELERS, many items are custom made and designed with input from the customer. Here he looks at some of the items.

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## Rockridge

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fears and do everything possible to make shopping an enjoyable experience.

"People shouldn't be afraid to come here and wander around," says store owner Michael Endlich. "Just coming in and seeing beautiful things is a pleasure."

Pavé also offers a highly diverse range of jewelry. Some glass cases house classic jewelry like white gold rings embedded with diamonds while other cases have more unique pieces like turquoise and brushed metals. There is also a wide selection of estate jewelry.

Like almost every other store or restaurant in Rockridge, Pavé prides itself on being an alternative to chain stores or mini malls.

"There are a lot of big chains out there," says Endlich. "But when you have stores like us that are small and unique, it makes the whole area an interesting place to shop."

One of the most distinctive spots

in Rockridge is Loot Antiques, a store that offers a combination of floral pieces, antiques, reproductions and gifts. Having only been in the neighborhood for a year and a half, the store is a welcome addition to the area.

Mustard colored walls, ceilings with exposed beams and antique chandeliers create a rustic, homey atmosphere. Victorian chairs sit on Oriental rugs while tapestries and beautifully framed mirrors adorn the walls.

The store's interior is changed every two months to give the space a new and fresh look. Shoppers can be inspired by the store's displays and are always encouraged by employees to try something new when they are decorating.

The inventory in the store is not strictly antiques and the rooms are filled with eye candy. Scones made out of shells, a quartz mirror and metal palms are just some of the items to be had at Loot.

Visitors could spend hours in the store browsing through the items or simply absorbing the creative energy by brainstorming up new ideas

about how to decorate a living room or salvage old tarnished candlesticks that have been in storage for years.

The store's owner, Ron Morgan, is an expert in his field and is world renowned for his work with interior decorating, antiques and floral arrangements. He has done displays for Harrods in London and stores in Singapore.

Because of his artistry, Loot Antiques is more of a gallery than a store. Many of the items in the store are things that Morgan found at flea markets or junk yards. His ability to see things in a different way, grants him the ability to transform so-called "junk" into beautiful art.

"[Morgan] is a total artist, and that's what people love and respect about him," says store manager Betsey Hecht.

Loot Antiques offers a seminar class for people who want to learn more about the art of floral design. However, because of Morgan's reputation, the five classes sold out in four days. However, beginning in the fall, more classes will be available.

One of the most impressive qualities of Rockridge's businesses is their overall appreciation for their customers. Store owners and man-

agers consistently rave about the loyalty and enthusiasm of Rockridge residents and visitors from neighboring cities.

Unlike more bureaucratic department stores, employees in Rockridge genuinely appreciate the level of interaction they can develop with patrons. They look forward to seeing particular customers, inquire about their day, and help them with anything they need.

Businesses in this area are reminiscent of a time when customer satisfaction and service were more important than profiteering.

"There's a sense that we are all in a community together," says Pavé's Endlich.

"All the businesses are sharing the same clients and they are wonderful people. The merchants are all unified in wanting to improve the neighborhood in any way we can."

Rockridge businesses are committed to keeping their own standards of excellence high. The Rockridge District Association is a self-assessing business association that strives to make sure the area lives up to its potential.

The District Association is currently trying to make the BART station more visitor-friendly by provid-

ing maps and directions to help shoppers find the shops and restaurants they are looking for.

A public plaza is planned for the area of College Avenue below the BART station, and general beautification of the station is already being initiated by the District Associ-

ation.

If customer satisfaction indication, the District Association has clearly succeeded in its attempts to create a hospitable environment.

"Rockridge has great places to eat," says



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## Reviews

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**"CHICAGO":** Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this lavishly tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

**"THE CORE":** This disaster epic never had a chance at being fine film-making, but it might have been worth a few pulpy thrills if it played up the cheesiness of its premise: Two scientists (Hilary Swank and Aaron Eckhart) tunnel to the Earth's core to set off a nuclear reaction that will start it spinning again and avert global destruction. Of course, they also fall in love. It's the sort of movie where characters say "Good luck and Godspeed" to each other. We want to see blow-it-up-real-good effects, but the movie tries to make us pay for our enjoyment of the mayhem by teaching us about the moral imperative that binds us to Mother Nature. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: sci-fi situations, brief strong language) 1 hour, 45 minutes. D-

**"DREAMCATCHER":** Another adaptation of a Stephen King book where someone wears a terrifyingly degraded smile. The grin in this one, directed by Lawrence Kasdan, isn't as spooky as Jack Nicholson's in "The Shining," but it's still effective. Four buddies with special powers encounter strange things while hunting in the Maine woods. There's a wonderful ominous quality to the film's first half, but it gets silly after that, too reliant on special effects. Still, the relationships seem real, and it keeps its humor, even when it gets scary. — M. Pols. (R: violence, gore language) 2 hours, 16 minutes. B

**"GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS":** Fans of the all-time moneymaking film "Titanic" will cherish James Cameron's new IMAX feature documentary, which explores the remains of the ship with great intimacy. Those who found "Titanic" too sentimental will discover much to admire in the new film. Intricate details of the ship are revealed without pander, and the 3-D cameras bring all those details to remarkable life. — P. Wuntch. (G) 1 hour. B+

**"THE GOOD THIEF":** A supremely self-confident heist movie from director Neil Jordan, featuring a tip-top performance from Nick Nolte as Bob Montagnet, the French Riviera's most lovable thief, gambler and heroin addict. Seedy, stylish and seductive, like a Tom Waits song set to film. Inspired by Jean Pierre Melville's 1958 classic "Bob Le Flambeur." Newcomer Nutsa Kulkhanidze makes quite an impression as the young Bosnian girl Bob tries to save from a life of prostitution. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual activity, drug content, some violence) 1 hour, 49 minutes. A-

**"HEAD OF STATE":** Post-9/11, you don't expect to see the White House blown to smithereens in the middle of a goofy comedy. But that's what happens in Chris Rock's mostly lame farce about the first African-American presidential candidate. The film is politically toothless. It doesn't help that Rock's performance is wooden. Bernie Mac, who plays Rock's bail-bondsman big brother, has a commanding physical presence, and the audience's energy level seems to rise when he's onscreen. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: language, some sexuality and drug references) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C-

**"HOLES":** You walk out of "Holes" wondering why more kids movies aren't like this — exciting, refreshingly clever and completely heartfelt without a trace of condescension. Film-making that confronts serious contemporary social themes, yet has a gentle, old-fashioned magic. Based on Louis Sachar's Newbery Medal-winning novel "Holes," about a boy, Stanley (the winning Shia LaBeouf), who lands at a Texas work camp, thanks to a curse on his family, and gradually unravels the mystery of why the warden (Sigourney Weaver) makes the inmates dig a 5-foot-deep hole every day. Sachar wrote the screenplay, his first ever. You'd never know it. Or maybe you would, because it has an unpredictability that is sadly rare these days. — M. Pols. (PG: violence, mild language and some thematic elements) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A-

**"HOUSE OF 1000 CORPSES":** Rob Zombie's hideous little exercise in theme-park horror has plenty of blood but generates little in the way of genuine terror or suspense. Intended to be a homage to '70s splatter "classics" such as Wes Craven's "Last House on the Left" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," the movie occasionally nails the low-fi, creepy atmosphere, but botches on delivering the gruesome goods. Even the midnight-movie crowd would be hard-pressed to stay awake for the duration of this one. — G. Whipp. (R: strong sadistic violence, gore, sexual-

ity and language) 1 hour, 28 minutes. D

**"LAUREL CANYON":** Square medical student Sam (Christian Bale) is forced to move into his ultra-cool record-producer mom's (Frances McDormand) fabulous house in the hills above L.A. Mom was supposed to vacate, but instead she's cutting an album, romping with her hot young rock-star boyfriend (Alessandro Nivola) and sending electric vibes toward Sam's allegedly uptight fiancée (Kate Beckinsale). If you relish Vanity Fair articles in which celebrity interviews are conducted at L.A.'s hip Chateau Marmont, then writer/director Lisa Cholodenko's vacuous, elitist movie may please you. It, too, implies that your life would be more glorious if you were poolside, wearing Jean Paul Gaultier and enjoying a ciggie with your wheat-grass shake. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, language and drug use) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C-

**"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS":** The second installment of director Peter Jackson's big-screen adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's great trilogy is as intoxicating as last year's "Fellowship." Jackson expertly weaves together three distinct journeys, taking as his centerpiece a scene to which Tolkien devoted only a dozen or so pages — the battle to defend Helm's Deep. It's a fantastic choice, one of the most thrilling battle scenes ever filmed. The special effects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum (voice and movements by Andy Serkis), are nifty, with the unfortunate exception of the Erits, who look a bit too much like Gumbys. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images) 2 hours, 59 minutes. A-

**"MALIBU'S MOST WANTED":** Jamie Kennedy stars as a white, Jewish, wannabe rapper, Brad, aka "B-Rad," who dresses and talks like he's straight outta Compton, when he really lives in a beachfront mansion in Malibu. His behavior becomes a liability to his father, Bill (Ryan O'Neal), who's running for governor. So Bill's campaign manager pays two actors (Taye Diggs and Anthony Anderson) to pose as gangstas, carjack B-Rad's hydraulic Cadillac and drag him to the 'hood. This, in theory, will "scare the black out of him." Kennedy developed the character from a sketch he does on his WB comedy series. Like many comedians, he'd have been better off sticking to television. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual humor, language, violence) 1 hour. D-

**"A MIGHTY WIND":** It's unlikely that Christopher Guest will ever make a truly bad or boring movie, but with his latest, "A Mighty Wind," the bloom falls a tad off the rose of his unique mockumentary style. "Waiting for

Guffman" and "Best in Show" made us snort with laughter. This one, a parody of earnest and talentless folk singers from the early 1960s meeting for a reunion show, is funny, but not quite up to snuff. It's formulaic and lacks spontaneity. Also, since when was all folk music so awful? Even in "Spinal Tap," those who disliked heavy metal could get a charge out of the music. But here we get one tedious, insipid song after another. Guest hardly owes us a historical recounting of the folk era, but since he's usually so razor-sharp and incisive, one wonders what about talents like Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie or Bob Dylan? — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual humor) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

**"NOWHERE IN AFRICA":** This Oscar-winning German film is a Holocaust survival story. Based on journalist Stefanie Zweig's memoir, this is one of the better filmed examinations of Europeans in British colonial Kenya. The suffering is, in a historical sense, negligible. Yet the personal impact of the calamity is evoked with a jarring completeness. Three very lucky people get out of Nazi Germany in 1938, several months before things go irreversibly bad for Jews. The movie finds deep psychological insights where most just go hunting for big game. — B. Strauss. (NR: contains sex, nudity, language and racist language and actions) 2 hour, 18 minutes. A-

**"OLD SCHOOL":** Rude, crude and God help me, pretty funny. Whipped yuppie husbands everywhere throw off the shackles of weekend trips to Home Depot and enjoy the tomfoolery of this raucous tale of grown men chafing against the responsibilities of adulthood and marriage. It peters out, as so many comedies do, but not before delivering some inspired bits, including the glorious sight of Vince Vaughn strapped into a Baby Bjorn. With Luke Wilson and the hilarious Will Ferrell. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, nudity and language) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

**"PHONE BOOTH":** Colin Farrell plays Stu, a smarmy publicist who stops at a phone he uses to make untraceable calls to his favorite starlet. The phone rings and an ominous voice starts to badger and threaten him. Stu listens, at first out of curiosity, then anger, and then out of fear for his worthless life. The caller has a rifle trained on Stu from one of the surrounding windows; and just as he gets the message, the caller shoots a neighborhood pimp and then paints Stu's chest with a telltale red dot. This film, about anger, deceit, urban paranoia and murder, isn't great, but merits a look-see. — G. Lovell. (R: language, violence) 1 hour, 21 minutes. C

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"Quizzical Eye: The Personal Photography of Ronal Partridge," through June 22. An exhibition of 100 photographs, including photo cubes, collages, mixed media works and a reconstruction of his darkroom.

"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," through June 30. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Iconic to Ironic: Fashioning California Identity," through September 21. An exhibition displaying more than 100 articles of clothing and accessories from the museum's permanent collection, as well as items from other major museums and private lenders, including items like jeans, sportswear and the costumes of Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich, Michael Jackson, Sharon Stone and Brad Pitt.

Curator's Talk, May 2, 8 p.m. A reception and gallery tour lead by the curator of the exhibit. \$5.

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"Memorial Project Vietnam" by Jun Nguyen-Hatsushiba, through June 29. A Vietnamese installation artist whose work has been shown all over the world. He presents gentle and lyrical explorations of social reality.

"Everything Matters: Paul Kos, A Retrospective," through July 20. A major museum retrospective of a leading Bay Area conceptual artist.

"The Black Panthers 1968," through June 29. An exhibit of photographs by Ruth-Marion Baruch and Pirkle Jones. There are 45 vintage photographs documenting the early days of the Black Panther Party in the Bay Area. Baruch and Jones both were activists with the Peace and Freedom Party.

"A Brush With Truth: Early Buddhist Ink Paintings from Japan and China," through June. This exhibition features 13th century Chinese paintings by Zen patriarchs that were preserved in Japan, as well as Japanese "haboku or lung-ink" landscapes. In the Asian Galleries.

"Turning Corners," through Summer 2004. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artist ranging from Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse, and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and Mona Hatsum.

"Fred Wilson: Objects and Installations, 1979-2000," through July 20. Featuring 20 works exploring museum practice and the art of collecting.

"Aftermath," through July 20. Addressing the themes of conflict, war and the

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## Events

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Free. Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2164 or www.mills.edu/MCAM/mcam.home.html.

### OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," April 26 and ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Selections From the African American Museum and Library at Oakland Collection," through May 12. An exhibit of documents and artifacts relating to politics, labor, education, entrepreneurs, pioneers and founders. Learn about the history behind the collection and the plans for its future.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

### RICHMOND ART CENTER

— "The 38th Annual Student Art Show: Art is Cultural Literacy," through May 31. This exhibit is by middle and high school students in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. In the Main Gallery.

"Playful Spaces," through May 31. This installation exhibit is by Lisa Marie Barber and shows chaotic altars, celebrating excess, obsession and the human spirit. In the West Gallery.

"Scenes and Zones," through May 31. An exhibit featuring the best of Bay Area CD and LP cover art and zines, which are small, do-it-yourself magazines. This exhibit focuses on the spirit and character of the alternative music and culture scene. In the South Gallery.

"Members Only," through May 31. A group exhibit featuring the work of Richmond Art Center members. In the Community Gallery.

Opening Reception, May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. 510-620-6772 or www.therichmondartcenter.org.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

— "The Neighborhood of Solitude: Prostitutes of Mexico City," closing May 1. An exhibit of the photographs of Mexican photographer, Maya Goded. This exhibit is cosponsored by the University's Center for Photography and Graduate School of Journalism.

Free. 121 North Gate Hall, Berkeley. 510-842-3383 or www.journalism.berkeley.edu.

### MUSEUMS

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SPECIAL EVENT — Cheryl Broussard and Michael A. Burns, April 26, 6:30 p.m. The authors will discuss their book "What's Money Got To Do With It? The Ultimate Guide on How to Make Love and Money Work in Your Relationship."

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org.

#### EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS

— A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

#### GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM

— The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude as over Bakerfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains.

For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 9000 Donnan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmrm.org.

**"THE PIANIST":** This restrained yet emotionally ruinous film set in Warsaw during the Nazi occupation marks a triumphant return for director Roman Polanski. Thanks to his celebrity, Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) is spared from the concentration camps, spending the next two years relying on the kindness of strangers, at times quite literally a prisoner, isolated and locked into abandoned apartments, visited only occasionally by Resistance members. His very endurance is heroic. Having given us spine-tingling nightmares of the imagination in the past ("Rosemary's Baby," "Repulsion"), this time Polanski lets reality give this movie its quiet, straightforward power. Be prepared to cry, but know too that the movie is worth the anguish it generates. — M. Pols. (R: violence and brief strong language) 2 hours, 28 minutes. A

**"PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE":** This story of A.A. Milne's familiar "Winnie-the-Pooh" characters brought to life through animation is so quaint, it's downright comforting. It's the second original Pooh feature created for the screen, and it reunites many longtime players from the franchise's animated shorts and videos. Piglet wants desperately to be a part of his buddies' activities in the Hundred Acre Wood. But when Pooh, Tiger, Rabbit and Eeyore concoct an elaborate scheme for harvesting honey, they leave Piglet out because they think he's too small to help. — C. Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 15 minutes. B

**"THE QUIET AMERICAN":** Michael Caine gives the richest performance of his career in this sage and provocative film adaptation of Graham Greene's scarcely prescient 1955 novel. He plays Thomas Fowler, a lazy, dissipated London Times journalist stationed in Saigon during the French-Indochina war. He loves Vietnam and his young girlfriend, Phuong (Do Thi Hai Yen). Then along comes the quiet American, Alden Pyle (Brendan Fraser), who wants to put everything to rights in Vietnam and then go home with Fowler's girl. What unfolds makes you wonder if Greene unlocked the secrets to time travel in the 1950s. This movie has been released in limited theaters, supposedly because it's feared audiences will find it anti-American and stay away.

Pshaw. Let's hope we as a nation are not really so paranoid about revisiting our past mistakes. — M. Pols. (R: violent images and some language) 1

hour, 58 minutes. A

**"SPUN":** This movie shows endless days and nights and near-deaths of addicts. Mena Suvari, Jason Schwartzman, play the kids, while Mena Suvari and Peter Stormare

ups. If Rourke and Stormare are enough to clue you into strained wackiness, this shows up in the third

slip and a wig and lot of bodybuilders. They

their freak flags fly more than do the youngsters

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particularly "Transpo-

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**"TALK TO HER":** Polanski

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**"WHAT A GIRL WANTS"**

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(Colin Firth) is a Brit

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## Tucker

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The following day, Kelly heads to the Cushing Memorial Amphitheatre for his first rehearsal with director James Dunn and the cast of "Annie."

The professional dog actress, of course, will be playing Sandy, the faithful sidekick of Little Orphan Annie of old-time comic fame on which the musical is based. Kelly is a member of the roster of professional animals at Bow Wow Productions in San Martin, Santa Clara County.

The Mountain Play production atop Mount Tamalpais plays weekends from May 18 through June 15. For times and ticket prices call 415-383-1100 or visit www.mountainplay.org.

Another "Annie," playing at El Cerrito's Contra Costa Civic Theatre, winds up its weekend run May 24. CCCT's Sandy, also an Irish wolfhound like Kelly, is Rufus, making his stage debut.

Wonder what Disney could do with a pair of stage-struck canines who contrived to meet after their shows and found puppy love on the romantic heights of Mount Tamalpais?

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Section D

CHERYL JENSEN  
Down the Road

## Consumer Reports tells test results

MOTOR MATTERS

you are looking for a used vehicle, you need to the April issue of Consumer Reports, which is on news- through June 11.

the magazine's an- issue, and it gives any buyer plenty of good

ature is its Top Ten rec- ommendations for 2003. This year's Top Ten is the Top Ten there were two ties.

12 are Hondas. Consumer Reports 45 to 50 vehicles rigorous testing proce- dure, the best vehicles in the category are chosen from the vehicles for which the has test scores.

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the top picks for 2003: 333 (Best car tested); Mazda RX8 (Most fun to drive); Matrix and Pontiac Vibe (Versatility); Chevy- che (Pickup truck); Toy- ota (Small sport utility vehi- cle); Accord and Volk- sweat (Family sedan); ysey (Minivan); Honda d (Green vehicle); Honda Small sedan); Honda Pi-

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MOTOR MATTERS

CHRYSLER'S PT CRUISER finally gets an engine with some oomph. The five-speed manual is poorly designed, but the automatic lets the car shift effortlessly.

## Turbo engine now powers Chrysler's PT Cruiser

MOTOR MATTERS

By now, most people have be- come adjusted to the unusual de- sign of the Chrysler PT Cruiser. With the 2003 model, they'll have to ad- just to its exciting acceleration.

Chrysler put a turbocharged en- gine into the new model, and now the PT Cruiser acts something like a sports car.

This four-cylinder, 2.4-liter en- gine delivers 215 horsepower and 245 pounds-feet of torque. In itself those numbers aren't impressive, but considering the car weighs only

3,108 pounds, the pickup is strong.

My tester had a poorly designed five-speed manual transmission with an annoying tone alert intended as a safety feature when put in reverse.

However, those who prefer to be shiftless, an automatic is available with an Autostick for shifting with- out a clutch or simply sit back and let the automatic do its job.

Chrysler engineers say this en- gine was designed especially for the PT Cruiser. They say that a rac- ing-style oil squirting mechanism cools the pistons, which allows for

**TOM KEANE**  
Keane on Wheels

higher output.

I don't know too much about the mechanics of this engine other than it is quiet compared to most other turbocharged engines, nor could I detect a delay for the turbocharger to kick in.

This car is equipped with anti- lock brakes and traction control, front and passenger side airbags

plus other safety features, includ- ing LATCH — Lower Anchors up- per Tethers for Children.

I'm told The PT Cruiser has a transverse beam in the body struc- ture to protect occupants in the event of a side-impact collision.

For eye-appeal, this uniquely styled vehicle stands on 17-inch highly polished wheels.

The high ceiling allowed me to sit upright and the entire interior was quite comfortable. The seats in my tester were leather-trimmed, with fold-down center armrests for each

front seat.

The bucket-style driver's seat had manual lumbar adjusters plus power height adjustments. With those features, along with the tilt steering column, I had no difficulty finding a comfortable seating po- sition.

Sitting upright also provided ex- cellent visibility. It didn't have a soft, luxurious ride, typical of any vehi- cle with a short wheelbase.

However, the PT Cruiser was

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# 1958 MG earns distinguished place in an American family

MOTOR MATTERS

Most Americans think of open two-seat sports cars whenever the British MG automobile is discussed. However, four-door MG sedans were manufactured both before and after World War II.

The Z series of MG Magnette saloons was produced from October 1953 to December 1958.

A total of 18,075 ZA models were followed by 19,025 improved ZB models. A precious few of the 37,100 MG Z series cars ever came to the United States.

A used 1958 ZB model ended up in the hands of Clemson University student Doug Campbell. He happily drove his MG while courting his girlfriend, Kay. In the mid-1960s the MG was demolished during a close encounter with a much larger American car.

Though Kay mourned the demise of the MG more than he did, they still were married — leading him to believe that he was the sole object of her affection.

In the spring of 1977, Kay saw a 1958 MG ZB Magnette saloon advertised for sale. A London resident had bought it new and first registered it Aug. 1, 1958. Later, his son became the second owner.

When the MG was 19 years old, the son decided to sell it to any American who, he assumed, would be crazy enough to gladly pay too much.

He shipped the car to the United States where the plan was for his father-in-law to sell the car at an exorbitant price. The Campbells, along with their two children, waited for a weekend and drove to New Jersey near the Delaware Water Gap area to inspect the car.

When the garage door opened, Mrs. Campbell was smitten by the black saloon with its maroon interior. All the parts were there, and, though well-worn, the MG was in very presentable condition.

The Campbells were not crazy Americans, they had previous experience with a Z series MG and knew what the honest price should be. After a bit of negotiating,

**VERN PARKER**  
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the Campbells became the third owners of the MG that is an inch more than 14 feet long.

Although it was to be Kay's car, Doug drove it the 200-plus miles home because the manual four-speed transmission and clutch were foreign to her. Soon after the uneventful trip home she was learning the intricacies of the manual transmission.

The solid MG, which sometimes would behave as if it had a mind of its own, was christened "Winston." The new owner says that to her, the sturdy car exhibited many of the same traits as Winston Churchill.

"I'm here to tell you that once you name a car you're totally helpless," she explains. From that point on, any needs of the car took precedence.

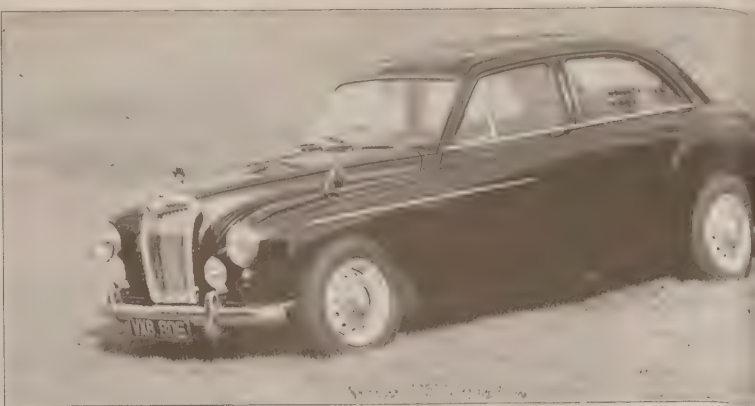
The diminutive 91-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine, fed by a pair of single-barrel downdraft S.U. carburetors is just barely up to the task of propelling the relatively heavy car.

The Campbells drove Winston until 1980 when the Air Force reassigned him to Belgium. Of course, Winston went with them.

Their first week in Belgium the Campbells learned, to their dismay, that the Belgian drivers have no concept of trafficator turn signals. Trafficators are the illuminated arms that flip out from the side of the car to indicate the driver's intention of turning.

The French Citroen that ignored the trafficator was hauled from the accident scene on the back of a truck while Winston sustained only a bruise on his fender.

After four years in Belgium the Campbells were transferred to Germany. During the transfer the MG was taken to England where it underwent a superficial restoration and was repainted in the summer of 1985. From Germany, Campbell flew to England to retrieve the MG and drive it back to Ger-



many. On the Autobahn approaching Stuttgart, a passing Mercedes-Benz cut abruptly in front of him. The rear bumper of the Mercedes-Benz caught the front bumper of the MG. The end result was the front bumper of the MG was bent, while the rear bumper of the Mercedes-Benz was lying on the highway.

Peering through the three-banjo spokes of the steering wheel, the driver sees the 100-mph speedometer. She said, "Winston is happiest at 60 to 65 mph." Sipping premium fuel from the 9.5 imperial gallon fuel tank, the car can deliver up to 20 miles per gallon.

From Germany the MG crossed the Atlantic Ocean for the third time and was delivered to the port of St. Louis where Campbell took delivery. He drove Winston to Dayton, Ohio.

After retiring from the Air Force, he drove the MG to Northern Virginia.

"The bottom 9 inches of the car," Doug said, "have been replaced." Unless the car is garaged, the lower parts of the fenders and doors simply wither away, he said.

Regardless of what other cars the Campbells have in their stable, the MG has always been the one to count on. "Winston has always been a dependable workhorse," Kay concludes.

**AMERICAN COUPLE** become third owners of 1958 MG ZB saloon and name it "Winston." The car travels with them to several countries and states.

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very easy to maneuver making it a delight to drive.

It was also effortless to steer in and out of tight parking places and handling on the road was quite respectable.

The PT Cruiser includes many of the premium features that one would expect in a \$25,335 vehicle. It has a leather-wrapped steering wheel, speed controls, compass and outside temperature gauges, plus one-touch power-down windows.

Other features include keyless entry, power alarm and doors that lock automatically when the car starts to move.

In the center console are the controls for the air conditioning and heating system. Just below is the AM/FM compact disc. My tester also had a power moonroof.

Versatility is what makes the PT Cruiser an all-around all-purpose car. It is in this area that the unusual design comes into play.

The seats are the flip, fold and tumble type. It is easy to move them into unique positions, and the rear seats and the shelf can be removed. With the rear hatch open, there is an enormous amount of space.

I understand there are as many as 30 different ways to configure the interior.

The PT Cruiser passenger volume is slightly less than a Jeep Grand Cherokee, but with 27 miles per gallon highway mileage, it is economical on fuel.

Yet, if you want to go fast, simply step on the gas and zoom.

## Alarm helps drivers stay on the straight and narrow

BY MICHELLE KREBS  
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The driver is lost in thought or feeling sleepy, and without realizing it is drifting off the side of the road or into the next lane.

The AutoVue Lane Departure System from Iteris Inc., a subsidiary of Oetelics Inc. in Anaheim, Calif., is an alarm intended to alert the driver before drifting too far.

The unit mounts on the windshield or dashboard or tucks into the ceiling just above the rearview mirror.

A tiny camera lens focuses on the lane markings in the road.

If the car is traveling 40 miles an hour or faster and the driver edges over the lines without the turn signal lighted, the system emits an alarm that mimics the sound of a car driving over the rumble strips along the edge of the road.

Francis Memole, a vice president of Iteris, cited statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that show more than 43 percent of all fatal accidents in 2001, the latest figures available, involved moving out of a lane or road.

Iteris, of which DaimlerChrysler owns 10 percent, developed the technology with Mercedes-Benz, which was the first to offer it, on its heavy trucks in Europe.

MAN Trucks in Europe followed suit, and this year, the warning system was introduced on Freightliner trucks in the United States. It costs \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The company said it would be on consumer cars and trucks in two to three years, with a projected price of \$200 to \$300.

## CHRYSLER PT CRUISER GT TURBO

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger front-wheel drive four-door
Suggested Retail Price as Tested	\$22,415
Engine Type	DOHC 16-valve, 2.4-liter four-cylinder turbocharged
Horsepower	215 at 5,000 rpm
Torque	245 at 3,600 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Wheelbase	103 inches
Height	63 inches
Turning Circle (curb-to-curb)	38 feet
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# Two solutions to brake dust problem

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recently purchased a used 2002 Lincoln. After driving about the exceptional, except for a collection of black dust on each wheel. I have taken it to the shop for repair on occasions. Each time I am told that the dusting is considered normal limits.

I believe the dusting is excessive because a simple maintenance trip will produce black dusting on an otherwise clean wheel. What can be done to prevent this situation?

Charles B. Smith  
Huntsville, Ala.

Brake dust is a common gripe with many car owners, especially those with alloy wheels. The rapid appearance of the dust you've noted is the result of the collection of brake pads on the other open nature of current wheels.

The solution is to replace the brake pads with components containing friction material. These will still emit dust, but the residue is of a different color and less vis-

ible. Another option is to have a set of Klean

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The best three-year-old models were the Acura RL, Honda CR-V, Mazda MX-5, Lexus ES 300, Honda Civic and Toyota Camry. All had fewer than 18 problems per 100.

The worst were the Chevrolet Corvette, Ford Focus; Mercedes-Benz M-Class; Volkswagen Golf, Jetta and New Beetle; and Chevrolet Astro/GMC Safari. All had more than 90 problems per 100 vehicles.

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**Q** I have a question regarding my 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. I recently changed my battery and now the air bag light is illuminated.

I took it to a garage and the mechanic put a meter on it and could not resolve the issue.

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Albert Siragusa  
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Either situation could have blown the air bag system fuse or damaged one or more air bag system components, resulting in the glowing lamp.

Diagnosis of the air bag system is best left to a well trained and well equipped pro, as a detailed SIR (supplemental inflatable restraint) diagnostic circuit check must be followed, along with the use of a properly optioned scan tool.

Your mechanic might not have been equipped to go the distance on a problem of this type.

GM cautions against driving a vehicle with an illuminated air bag lamp, as the system might deploy one or more air bags without a collision, deploy them in a crash of less than specified severity, or not deploy them when a crash occurs.

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# What are you driving?

## Auto Plus

Friday, August 24, 2001

Section D

Advertising supplement to The Montclair, The Piedmont, The Berkeley Voice, The Journal, The Alameda Journal

### Classic Classics: MGB still going strong [D3]

DAVE VAN SICKLE

#### Most gas-saving gadgets fall short of touted claims

When gasoline prices began to rise, so did motorists' concerns about fuel economy. Not so coincidentally, some gas prices within an hour of being reported were accompanied by reports of new gas-saving gadgets, and reports of claims that some of them would save fuel.

For a while, there have been a lot of gadgets that claim to be able to save fuel. Some of them are advertised as being able to save as much as 10 percent. But most of them are just gimmicks. And most of them are just gimmicks. And most of them are just gimmicks.

When you have a device that is supposed to save fuel, it is usually a device that is supposed to save fuel. And when you have a device that is supposed to save fuel, it is usually a device that is supposed to save fuel.

After evaluating over 100 different gas-saving devices, the EPA has found that only a few of them actually save fuel. And most of them do so only slightly.

The devices that do save fuel are usually the ones that are the simplest. And the ones that are the simplest are usually the ones that are the most effective.

■ Air and vapor bleed devices that add air to the intake manifold for a leaner mixture.

■ Liquid injectors that add water to the air/fuel mixture in the manifold.

■ Ignition modifiers, most of which replace existing ignition parts.



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TOM KEANE

Driver

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# Where is

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## Real Estate & Home

Advertising supplement to The Alameda Journal

Friday, September 14, 2001

**Weekly Home Sales** Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B7]  
**Open Home Guide** See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B8]

Now is the time to prepare  
for the inevitable 'Big One'

A Victorian or "Gothic" wood building that sits on a foundation of brick and stone can bring flying bricks that weigh as much as 100 pounds down on your head. It's a scary thought, but it's a reality. A recent earthquake in the San Francisco area caused significant damage to many homes, and people in the area are now concerned about the safety of their homes.

Victorian architecture is a style of architecture that was popular in the United States during the Victorian era. It is characterized by its ornate details, including towers, turrets, and decorative woodwork. Many Victorian homes were built with brick and stone foundations, which were designed to last for generations. However, these foundations can be vulnerable to earthquakes, especially in the San Francisco area.

Many Victorian homes in the San Francisco area were built with brick and stone foundations. These foundations can be vulnerable to earthquakes, especially in the San Francisco area. Many homeowners are now concerned about the safety of their homes and are looking for ways to reinforce their foundations.



ROSEMARY MCCALL

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# What do

# need to be haute?

## SHOPS AND SERVICES OF THE EAST BAY Shopping Plus

Friday, December 26, 2001

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### Tote cuisine: beyond the bologna sandwich

BY MARIA GALLAGHER

The leaves haven't begun to change, but I've already seen one sure sign that autumn is almost at our doorstep.

At my neighborhood supermarket, an enormous display bin filled last month with beach balls — is now piled high with brown lunch bags. 100 to a package. That's a lot of school and office lunches waiting to be made. With take-out and delivered food so readily available, you might think that grown-ups have stopped packing lunch.

But not so fast. Some people still pack lunch. Some run errands and wait down a sandwich afterward. Others are too busy to cook, or too busy to eat. And, like DeWitt, she's too busy to pack.

Two kids in college. Scott is planned.

At lunchtime, restaurant proprietor Marguerite Rodgers is not at Shred Boss or Rouge, or Avenue B, at 11 of which she dined.

She's too busy to pack for a restaurant meal.

A lot of times, lunch is an apple and a banana," Rodgers said.

And some days, she doesn't eat until 4 p.m. If she and her staff don't order a delivered lunch, the boss may dig into a bowl of Grape Nuts with fruit and milk.

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Dorrie Scott, another Weight Watchers member who works in the same department as DeWitt, typically brings four pieces of fresh fruit to work each day, along with small portions of dinner leftovers, such as meat loaf, omelets, creamed string

beans, or spaghetti sauce.

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BROWN BAG LUNCHES

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# Who is

# favorite team?

## SPORTS

Friday, February 21, 2003

Section C

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### Alameda triples its pleasure

Hornets drill nine 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

Live by the "3" or die by the "3" — and Alameda lived.

The Hornets (17-5, 9-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) hit nine 3-point shots, including seven by topshooter Kayleigh Calandri, and passed to subdue El Cerrito 79-71 Thursday night at the Hornets' Nest in Alameda.

The loss knocked the Gauchos (17-6, 8-2) one-and-a-half games behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left. El Cerrito has two. The Gauchos still have to play Berkeley.

Alameda was coming off an

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excruciating 81-58 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit rattled against El Cerrito, which it had defeated 57-51 in its season opener Jan. 17. The Gauchos, on the other hand, had trounced Escalante 60-33 on Tuesday, shutting out the Jets 18-0 in the first quarter.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandri said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that (loss) out here tonight."

With Calandri firing in four 3-pointers in the first half, the Hornets had a 29-37 lead at the half. Alameda's Lucia Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game swung permanently away from El Cerrito in the first few moments of the third quarter.

Nicole Catania stole the ball from Analiese McGraw under the Alameda basket and scored for 14-17. The Gauchos turned the ball over immediately after that and Calandri hit an other 3-pointer for 44-37. El Cerrito called timeout with 2:45 left in the period and already had turned the ball over four times.

The visitors never got back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 60-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos' three-point game evaporated, were forced to go to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our mistake on defense," Calandri said about the effort against El Cerrito. "It (the defense) wasn't there against Berkeley. I thought we got back against Berkeley, we didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandri's success was ball movement. The Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough to challenge her. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to plant, set and shoot.

It was a bad job of coaching, El Cerrito coach Ron Williams said. "That's it. I'm serious. Our substitution patterns were wrong and didn't work. Those first few minutes of the third quarter did not help either."

And when Calandri couldn't do it, she had more than enough help. Catania scored six of her 19 points in the third quarter and Christina Bernero had six of her points in the second half.

Kristen Willis had 12 points, including six in the first quarter when the two teams battled to a 16-16 tie.

Calandri finished with 24 points to lead all scorers. Margie Green had 23 points to lead El Cerrito and Jordan McGraw had 14.



EL CERRITO HIGH'S Analiese McGraw (right) gets a rebound over Alameda's Shantia Green. Action from the ACCAL game.

#### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

### Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

After a heart-pounding week to end the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys soccer season, league champion Richmond High School is going up to face its first opponent tomorrow in the second round of North Coast Section IX play.

At the start of the week, the Oilers, the No. 3 seed after last season's record-setting season,



#### BSAL NOTEBOOK

### Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

The Salesian High School boys soccer team had two Bay Shore Athletic League matches judged to be "no matches," and they may have cost the Chieftains a North Coast Section berth.

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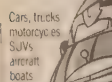








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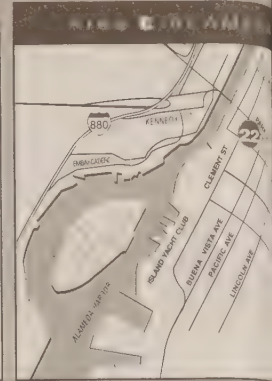
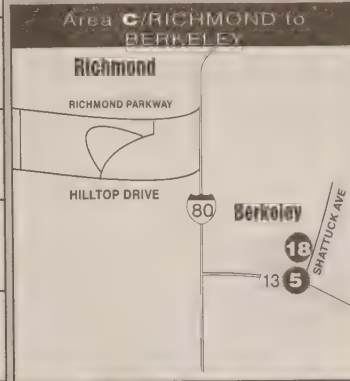
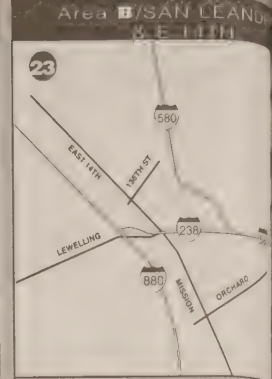
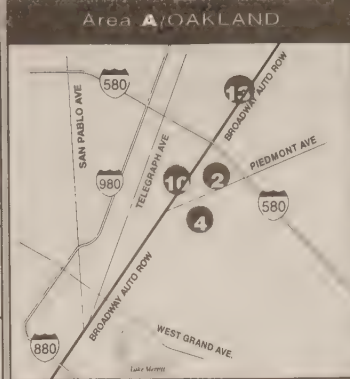
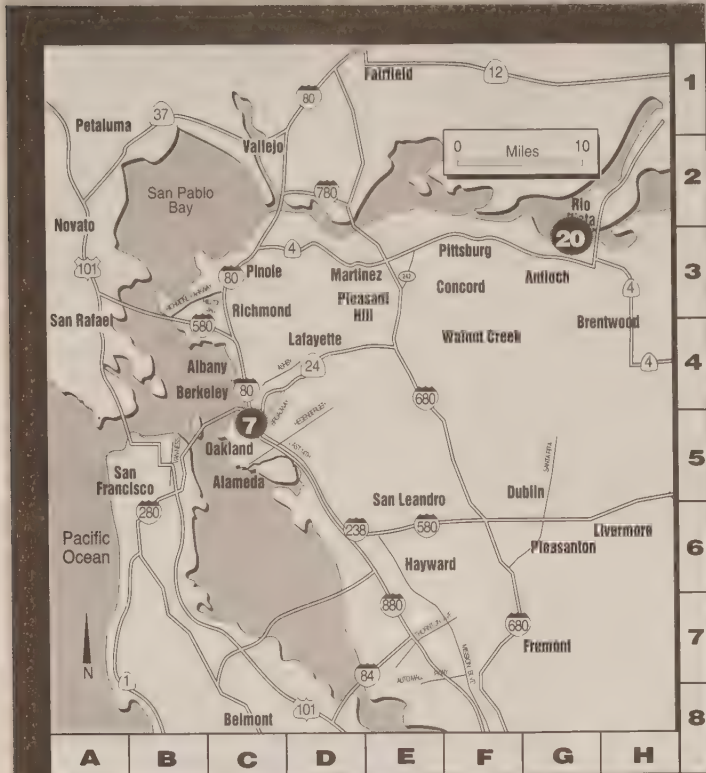
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greeted with bread and salt (in the Middle East, it's with bread and water). "To break bread" is still our term for establishing or sustaining a social relationship. Even now, we consider it treachery to turn against somebody you've broken bread with.

Of course, "breaking bread" is just a phrase with us. We slice our bread; rather, we usually buy it pre-sliced. But in some places (in North Africa, for instance), the idea of cutting bread with a sharp metal implement, rather than breaking it with the bare hands, is found shocking. The association between sharing bread and unthreatening intimacy is that close.

There's a widespread need to ask divine blessing on this central food. In Judaism, the breaking of bread is accompanied by a blessing, as it is in the Christian Eucharist.

Ten years ago I met a pious Sufi baker in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, who prayed over his dough as he kneaded it and symbolically purified his tandoor before baking by burning a handful of wild rue in it. Some customers wouldn't buy from any other baker.

In the Middle East, bakers have the tandoor oven and the European-style brick oven to work with, and nomad cooks have introduced a highly portable griddle, called a saj, on which flat breads are cooked. So it's not surprising that the number of breads that have been made there is immense.

The ancient Sumerians made breads called ninda, mostly from barley; the Assyrians, living in wheat-growing country, made wheat breads called akalu. The ancient Egyptians mentioned a number of breads: white bread, crumbly bread,



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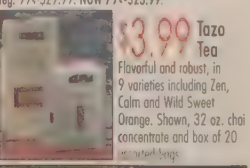
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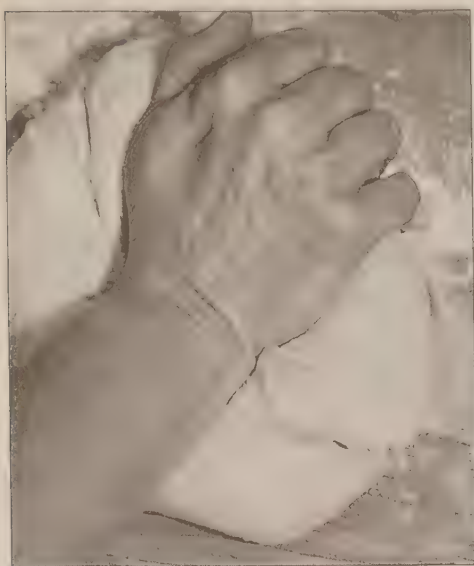
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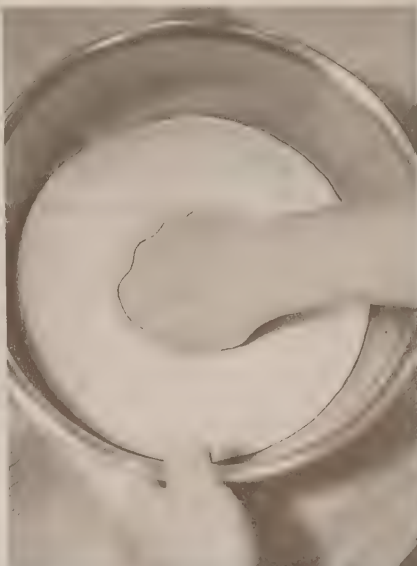
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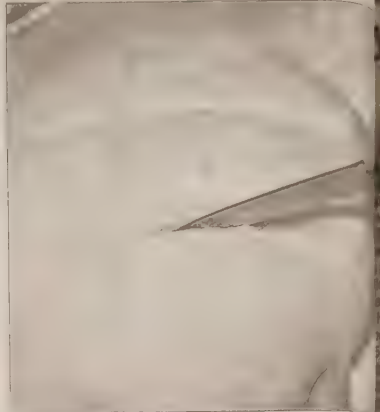




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## You can turn your oven into a brick oven

BY CHARLES PERRY  
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Baking bread is a race between the expanding force of the carbon

dioxide produced by the yeast, which makes bread rise, and the stiffening of the crust as it dries, which keeps the loaf from expanding. You're rooting for the expansion

to run ahead of the stiffening as long as possible, which will give a nice, high loaf.

The brick oven — an ancient invention that's still the best baking environment — does this beautifully because it's a sealed chamber. The water that evaporates from the heated dough stays in the oven, keeping the air moist and steamy, so the crust stiffens slowly.

But the home oven is not sealed — it's heated by a continuous blast of hot air rushing through it, which sweeps that steam up the vent pipe. So the crust stiffens up early, and either the bread comes out heavy or the crust splits wide open late in baking and you get a rock-hard shell of a crust with an unshapely bulge of over-risen crumb (which will stale quickly, since there's no crust to protect it).

Another of the brick oven's

virtues is that it's a "falling" oven. It's heated all at once, by burning wood or charcoal in it; the fuel is raked out before the bread goes in, so the temperature gradually falls during baking. This also slows down the stiffening of the crust. You can reduce your oven temperature during baking, that's easy enough. The problem is the lack of a steamy oven atmosphere. Some home bakers put a pan of water into the oven in the hope that this will create sufficient steam, but it's only moderately effective.

The late Elizabeth David suggested a much better technique, because it recreates the environment of the ancient brick oven. It's to put the bread on a cookie sheet or pizza brick, rather than an oven rack, and cover it with a lid that can

### Bread

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fragrant bread, date bread, sour-dough bread (a distinctly sour variety called kyllastis, which the Greeks borrowed), breakfast bread, traveler's bread, hardtack, pyramid-shaped bread, obelisk-shaped bread, stamped bread — scores of kinds, a number of them baked only for the gods.

Medieval Arab writings mention paper-thin breads, thick breads, pocket breads, round breads, ring-shaped breads, braided breads, breads shaped like ears of wheat and like ladders. Modern Iraq has breads of its own: gursa (a flat bread for wrapping kebab), samma (a spongy unleavened bread), uruq (a yeast bread with chopped meat and vegetables mixed into the dough).

It's not an accident that every civilization throughout history has been based on grain. Grains are the seeds of grasses, the go-getters of the vegetable kingdom: fast-growing, stripped-down plants consisting of nothing but roots and leaves. Not terribly finicky about climate or soil, these little machines for converting sunlight into food energetically colonize something like a quarter of the world's land. Even the animals we have domesticated tend to live on grasses, so most of our meat, milk and eggs are recycled grass or grain.

And so are we.

Wheat is the most nutritious of the common grains, containing carbohydrates and every amino acid we need (though not all in sufficient quantity, which is why traditional foods so often combine wheat with meat, beans or dairy products).

It turns out you can't live on bread alone, but you can live quite well without adding much else.

Decades back, Cosmo girls figured out the gimmick of using the smell of something baking to put a guy in a romantic mood. Well, it works — we're hard-wired for it. There's just nothing like the smell of fresh bread to give a feeling of comfort, of being cared for, a confidence that life will go on. It's the basic comfort food. The proverbial Egyptian description of a sourpuss is: "He never smiles, not even for hot bread."

### Turning dough into bread

**BRICK OVEN-STYLE BREAD**  
1 (1/4-ounce) package active dry yeast

1 1/2 cups warm water (105 to 110 degrees)

3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more if needed

3/4 cup whole-wheat flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 cup yellow cornmeal, divided

1. Dissolve the yeast in 1/4 cup of the water in a large bowl. When it starts to foam, stir in the remaining water. Combine 3 cups of the all-purpose flour with the whole-wheat flour and salt. Add to the yeast mixture, stirring until blended. Beat in additional flour as necessary to form a ball.

2. Knead the dough on a floured board until smooth and elastic, 10 minutes. Transfer to a greased bowl and cover with plastic wrap and a towel; let rise in a warm place until double in volume, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

3. Punch down and form into a ball. Roll it in flour; set on a baking sheet sprinkled with 2 tablespoons of cornmeal. Cover with an inverted pot 9 inches or more in diameter. Leave in a warm place 1 hour.

4. Remove middle rack from oven; place a pizza stone on bottom rack. Sprinkle remaining cornmeal on the stone. Heat oven to 450 degrees.

5. Remove the pot from the bread and make several slashes on the top of the bread with a sharp knife. Slide the bread onto the hot stone. Replace the pot. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 400 degrees and bake 15 minutes longer. Remove the pot. Continue baking until browned and the crust just begins to smell like toast, 25 to 30 minutes longer. Servings: 6 to 8

Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes, plus 2 1/2 hours standing.

Note: Adapted from "English Bread and Yeast Cookery," by Elizabeth David. The bread can be baked on a baking sheet.

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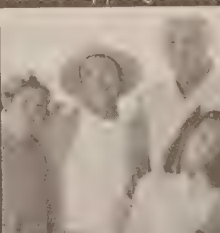
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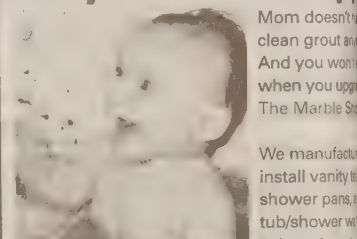
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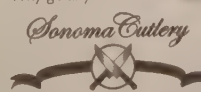


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# Taste of Tuscany should be robust and hearty, advises Mayes

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they can see, Mayes says, is the spirit of a dynasty whose influence is still evident in Italian gardens, attitudes and daily life.

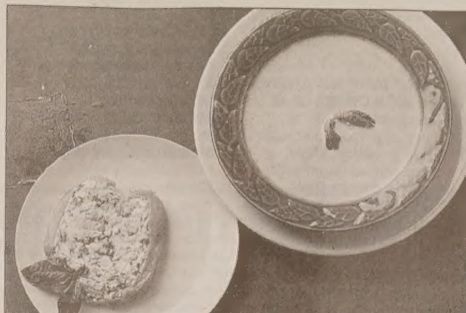
In Florence, the province in Tuscany where the Medicis mainly lived, "They have always warred with their impulses toward extravagance," she said. They adopted restrictions, called Sumptuary Laws, against dining and dressing excessively — but always found ways to get around them.

"If you look at how they served their feasts and the whole atmosphere they created around feasting, it's something you still see in Tuscany today.

"You go to someone's house for dinner and they don't just have an antipasto and a first course and a second course and a dessert. They have several antipasti ... several things for each course. There is a sense of largesse. ... I think it's a direct inheritance" from the Medicis, she says.

Although the first four Medici grand dukes ruled from 1537 to 1631, "They still influence everyday life in Tuscany," she says. Even now, the Medici coat of arms hangs in the piazza, or market square, in Cartona, the town where Mayes and her husband, Ed, live half the year in their restored villa named Bramasole.

"Under the Tuscan Sun," translated into 14 languages, was so successful that she followed it with "Bella Tuscany" (Broadway, \$15), in



**BAKED PEPPERS WITH ROCOTTA** and basil plus Fennel Soup are both recipes from "Under the Tuscan Sun."

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which the couple ventures out from Cortona to learn about other parts of the region and country, and "In Tuscany" (Broadway, \$35), a book of photography and shorter essays about the region's architecture, towns, people and food.

All three books emphasize her — and Italy's — passion for excellent food.

Today's Tuscan table has much in common with that of the Medicis'

era, she says, because people still prefer simple but excellent locally grown foods.

"Meat is very, very freshly handled. There is a big emphasis on what is seasonal, what is fresh and natural ... on primo ingredients, not things flown in from Chile," she says.

It's no wonder she says that "cooks go crazy there. They go wild."

Her previous books have included a few recipes; in "Under the Tuscan Sun," she wrote them in prose form and called them kitchen notes.

Finally, her fans will be happy to learn, she's writing a cookbook. But she says she's "struggling with how specific to be."

Italians don't cook according to the dictates of a book, measuring out a quarter-teaspoon of this or a tablespoon of that, she says.

Instead, they cook by instinct, by taste, by what ingredients are best and at hand. Like all the other artists of Italy, they create.

oil over medium heat. Add the chicken cutlets and saute until they're almost done, about 3-5 minutes depending on the thickness; remove the cutlets to a platter.

If needed, add a little more olive oil to the pan and saute the onion and garlic.

Add the vermouth and bring the liquid to a boil, then quickly reduce the heat to a simmer. Cover for 2-3 minutes.

Return the chicken to the pan and drizzle it with the lemon juice and add the green and black olives.

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## Recipes

### CHICKEN BREAST WITH GREEN AND BLACK OLIVES

- 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil
- 6 chicken or turkey cutlets (about 6 ounces each)
- 1 small onion, peeled, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled, crushed
- 1 cup dry vermouth
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 cup pitted mixed green and black olives
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup chopped Italian parsley

In a large skillet, heat the olive

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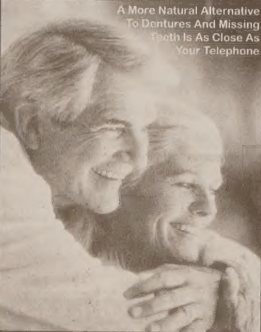
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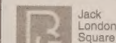
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**Crumb topping:**  
 2/3 cup all purpose flour  
 1/3 cup granulated sugar  
 1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1/3 cup butter, softened  
**Cake:**  
 3/4 cup finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Callimyras or Mission figs, stems removed  
 1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans or walnuts

1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 2 cups all purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/3 cup butter, at room temperature  
 3/4 cup granulated sugar  
 11/2 teaspoons vanilla  
 2 large eggs  
 1 cup sour cream  
 To make crumb topping, combine flour and sugars in small bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until crumbly; reserve. To make cake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease 9-inch spring-



**SERVE SLICES** of Fig Lover's Cinnamon Crumb Cake with coffee or tea for a special treat.

form pan. In small bowl, mix figs, pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Beat butter in large bowl of electric mixer on medium to high speed until creamy. Gradually add granulated sugar and beat until light and blended. On low speed, beat in vanilla and eggs, one at a time. Alternately beat flour mixture and sour cream into batter. Stir 1 cup batter into fig mixture. Spoon in bottom of pan. Spread remaining fig mixture on top. Sprinkle crumb topping. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack. Remove side of cake. Cut into wedges. Makes 12.

**Tuscan**  
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 Cook for 5 minutes or until the chicken is done. Season with salt and pepper and stir in the parsley. Makes 6 servings.

**BAKED PEPPERS WITH RICOTTA AND BASIL**  
 3 large yellow bell peppers  
 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 2 cups ricotta cheese  
 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil  
 1/2 cup finely sliced green onions  
 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 2 eggs  
 Basil leaves for garnish, optional  
 Singe the peppers quickly over a gas flame, grill or under the broiler. The peppers should char all over, but do not cook them so long that they turn limp.  
 Remove them from heat and cool them in a plastic bag, then slide off the charred skins. Cut the peppers in half lengthwise, remove

the stems, ribs and seeds. Drizzle the halves with olive oil.  
 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.  
 In a medium bowl, mix the ricotta, basil, green onions, parsley, salt and pepper.  
 Beat in the eggs.  
 Fill the pepper halves with the ricotta mixture and place them in a baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes.  
 Remove the peppers from the oven and garnish them with basil leaves. Makes 6 servings.

**FENNEL SOUP**  
 1 1/2 tablespoon olive oil  
 2 fennel bulbs, thinly sliced  
 2 bunches green onions, washed, ends removed, thinly sliced  
 4 1/2 cups chicken stock or reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1/2 cup mascarpone or heavy whipping cream  
 Toasted fennel seeds for garnish, optional

In a large saucpan heat the oil olive. Add the fennel and green onions and saute briefly.  
 Add 2 cups of the chicken stock and simmer until the fennel is cooked, stirring frequently. Using an immersion blender (or remove the mixture from the heat, cool slightly and, working in batches if necessary in a blender) puree the mixture.  
 Whisk in the remaining 2 1/2 cups of chicken stock.  
 Season with salt and pepper to

taste and cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.  
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**NAPS:** The challenge is how to use the occasion and here are a few suggestions that are guaranteed to bring color and taste to the table.

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**Be creative:** To get your family more vegetables, consider a different approach. Ditch the cheddar cheese bread or cheddar muffins.

**Use up leftovers:** Make a meal by blending left-overs such as green beans and cheddar to create a tasty

vegetables are always on hand. They're considered a healthy and tasty snack, contrary to popular belief, contain just as many nutrients as produce at your grocery store.

According to the farmers at Birds Eye, a flash-freezing technique locks in flavor, texture and nutrients to help ensure a long shelf life.

This process also guarantees the freshness of vegetables without artificial preservatives. It is recommended that you eat servings of fruits and vegetables every day to maintain a healthy lifestyle. To help increase vegetable consumption, combining following dishes to complement your meal or to create tasty

**BROCCOLI CHEDDAR CHEESE BREAD**  
3/4 cup water  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 (10 oz.) Birds Eye® Broccoli, thawed  
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 cup bread flour  
1/2 teaspoon active dry yeast  
Mix all ingredients in bread pan in order listed.

## Pockets of flavor

**ELIZABETH PIVONKA, PH.D., R.D.**

**NAPS:** Children enjoy helping in the kitchen. Peanut Butter and Fruit Pockets combine crisp, colorful vegetables with juicy, sweet pears and peanut butter. Have your child cut up the fruit (if they are old enough), mix in the peanut butter, and fill the pockets. These peanut butter fruit pockets are a great snack or lunch, and a great way for your children to eat fruits and vegetables.

Most Americans realize that eating fruits and vegetables is important to a healthy diet, but fruit and vegetable consumption is declining. According to the USDA's Economic Research Service, only 10 percent of Americans eat more servings of fruits and vegetables than they should. The Produce for Better Living Foundation has launched a campaign called 5 A Day The Color of Health. Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables is the best way to ensure you get the health benefits each has to offer. The time you go to the market, choose a variety of colors and pears along with other fruits and vegetables.

For more information, visit [www.cffausa.org](http://www.cffausa.org), [www.5aday.com](http://www.5aday.com) and [www.about.com](http://www.about.com).

**PEANUT BUTTER AND FRUIT POKETS**  
1/2 cup crisp apple, peeled, and finely diced  
1/2 cup Bartlett pear, peeled, and finely diced  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup super chunky peanut butter  
1/2 cup lettuce leaves or 8 large leaves  
1/2 cup wheat pita  
1/2 cup orange juice and 1/2 cup water  
Mix well. Add peanut butter and mix well. Wash and dry spinach leaves. Tear lettuce into pieces. Warm pita on lowest setting. Cut pita into 8 equal portions. Open each half pocket. Line each pocket with spinach leaves and equal portions of fruit mixture and enjoy. Serves 4 as a meal portion.

Elizabeth Pivonka, Ph.D., R.D., is a member of the Produce for Better Living Foundation.

■ Use regular or medium cycle.  
■ When cycle has completed, remove bread from pan and cool before slicing.  
■ Cook's note: To thaw broccoli, place unopened box in refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours. Do not thaw at room temperature.

■ Prep time: 5 minutes, cooking time: To be determined by bread machine cycle, makes 1-1/2 pound loaf.

**GREEN BEANS AND HAM CASSEROLE**  
2 cups cooked ham, chopped

1 can (10 oz.) cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup 1% milk  
1 bag (16 oz.) Birds Eye® frozen Cut Green Beans  
1 can (2.8 oz.) French-fried onions  
■ In a microwave-safe casserole

dish, mix ham, soup, milk and green beans.  
■ Cover and microwave on high for 10-12 minutes, or until well heated.  
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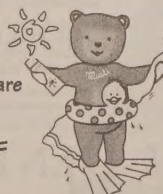
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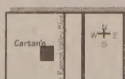


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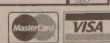
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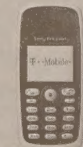


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